

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	SUNDAY, 10/27/02	58:30 CONTENT
PUBLIC CANDIDATE ACCESS	11:35 PM – 11:54 PM	SUNDAY, 10/27/02	19:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATeline	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 10/2/02, 11/6/02, and 12/4/02	22:00 CONTENT

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE – A one-time-only special telecast presenting Pennsylvania Gubernatorial candidates debating the issues of the election. Media personalities posed the questions from the debate along with questions and concerns posed by the audience. The show aired on a Sunday morning one week prior to the General election 10:30 – 11:30 AM.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM – A one-time-only special telecast of pre-recorded position statements from candidates in Gubernatorial and Congressional races of Districts 5, 9, and 12. Candidates were furnished with guidelines to provide an equal and equitable opportunity for each one to communicate their message to voters. Appeals were combined into a 19 minute presentation which aired Sunday night immediately following the 11 PM News, 11:35 – 11:54 PM.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2002**

1. CRIME / LAW
2. EDUCATION
3. CANCER & OTHER HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
ISSUES
4. CONSUMER AWARENESS
5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS
6. GENERAL ELECTIONS 2002
7. SAFETY
8. QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT
9. JOB LOSSES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT / UNDEREMPLOYMENT / LABOR /
ECONOMY AND BUSINESS ISSUES
10. FAMILY ISSUES
11. HIGHWAYS & OTHER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

***REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER
THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.**

Public Service Announcement Listing 2002 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Summary	Length
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW			
"Jesslyn Rose"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White female-teenager in marching band Killed by drunk driver 11 years after accident	:30
"John Elliot"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White male at Naval Academy Graduation Killed by a drunk driver	:30
"Jeff Peckler"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White teenage boy killed, friends speaking at assembly after his death "Drunk Drivers Don't Kill All Their Victims"	:30
"Wiggins Kid's"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	3 children individually, then shot of car wreck that killed them	:30
"Barry Bonds" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Baseball game, Barry bonds delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Cyndi Thompson" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Country music video to her delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Kelly Hu" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Her in studio, to message delivered about drunk driving	:30
"Aerosmith" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Concert shots to Steven Tyler and Joe Perry delivering message about a drunk driver	:30
ISSUE: EDUCATION			
"Success In School= Success In Life"	Ad Council/ Partners for Public Education	African American family seem to be at athletic event, really at school- get excited about your child's education	:30
"Big Bird/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Big Bird and Bob talking about music, b-roll of kids playing instruments/ singing	:30
"Big Bird/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Big Bird and Bob talking about music	:15
"Oscar/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Oscar and Bob talking about music	:15
ISSUE: CANCER & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES			
"Breast Cancer Doesn't Just Affect Women"	Ad Council/ Breast Cancer Research Foundation	White- father and daughter going through daily task without wife/mother who died of BC	:30
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"Kids"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Set to music, kids wandering through big city alone – "AIDS has created over 14 million orphans worldwide"	:60
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"Kids- Baby In Stroller"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in stroller crying all alone- "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into an orphan"	:15
"Kids-Baby In Crib"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in crib crying an orphan" – "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
"Kids—Boy w/ Pull Car"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Boy pulling toy car down vacant highway-—"every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into"	:15
"Dan Quayle-DVT PSA"	The Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology	Dan Quayle discussing at disease he had that millions are susceptible to (DVT)	:60
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" T-Score"	National Osteoporosis Foundation	Celebrity couple (LA Law) talking separately about her finding out she has osteoporosis—"Do you Know your T- Score"	:60
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"Beyond The Blues"	Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance	Surgeon General of the United States delivering message about mental illness and there is treatment available	:30
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"If You Could"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	If you could see a blood clot, plaque on your teeth, etc... then you could fix it – You can't see heart disease #1 killer among women	:20
"Jackie"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	Reenactment of a heart attack on a middle aged woman, she narrates	:30
"I Could...If They Would"	Muscular Dystrophy Association	Very electronic looking and sounding—If they (the doctors) could find a cure then he could do a variety of different things.	:30
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"2002 NMDP PSA"	National Marrow Donor Program	Fireman who donated marrow, middle aged woman and child who received marrow—donate marrow—you can make a difference	:60
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"Cubicles: Get A Flu Shot"	Visiting Nurses Association of America	Cartoon of office from overhead—lots of cubicles, one guy is sick—"get your flu shot b/c he won't"	:60
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"Stork 111 Nice Workout"	March of Dimes	Take folic acid b/f you want to get pregnant—stork running around gym (a baby is unexpected) some women are running away others are chasing him	:30
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"Put Your Asthma To The Test"	Asthma Action America	Take a test to determine how bad and prevent asthma symptoms, woman having hard time at beginning, breathing great at end	:60
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"Kids—Girl w/ Bear	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	are chasing him Little girl alone dragging huge bear up a stairway at a station – "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT			
"Holiday Beauty"	Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation	Holiday Appropriate Only Richard Kam (Home Improvement-AI) discussing looking for the seal on your Holiday gifts	:30
ISSUE: FAMILY ISSUES			
"Big Daddy"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Godzilla and baby Godzilla stomping around blowing fire- set to music – "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30
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"Tarzan"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Tarzan and son having fun in jungle – "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30
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"Burp"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American- big/little brother having burping contest at restaurant- "You have to have to be a perfect role model to be a big brother"	:30
"Office"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White—set in office, big brother little brother throwing pencils at ceiling- "You don't have to teach algebra to be a big brother"	:30
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"Stare"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White- set in restaurant, female version, staring contest—"you don't have to be...."	:30
"Gum"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American— bubble gum bubble blowing, bubble pops	:30
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"Blackboard"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Couple fighting—she's a teacher when she goes into her classroom he's written I'm sorry all over the chalkboards—marriage first	:60
"Story Time"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girl repeatedly asking her father to read her a story. No always the answer, He tells her to ask mom and she says "mommy, can daddy read to me?"	:60
"Eansie Weansie"	The Church of Jesus	Man at work in factory setting, gets	:60

	Christ of Latter-day Saints	a call, sings Eansie Weansie Spider to his little girl on phone	
"Answering Machine"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	African American man playing with his little boys as a friend leaves a message on the machine trying to persuade him to play golf	:60
"Cupcake Girls"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girls at a tea party going to have cupcakes, not enough for all so they share	:60
"Now More Than Ever"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Various shots of families: "Families...Isn't it about time?"	:30
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ISSUE: SAFETY			
"Woman"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	Woman delivering message about car phone safety when driving	:20
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"Industry Spokesperson-CEO"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	CEO of National Safety Council delivering message on cellular phone safety when driving	:20
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10/01/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PRISON GUARDS PICKET

Prison guards in Cambria County are unhappy with their working conditions. They say their superintendent has cut back on manpower in order to save money. The guards say that less officers means more concern for their safety inside the prison as well as for the people who live nearby.

:48 - SOT/VO

Mark Watson - State Corrections Union

10/01/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Lewis

AMBER ALERT

The nation was gripped by the number of child kidnappings this year. In some cases, the emergency warning known as "Amber Alert" went into action. Each alert asks you to help find a missing child. Now, the system is going nationwide, thanks to the information superhighway.

Regina Lewis reports.

1:44 - Package

Ernie Allen - National Commission Missing Kids

Takiana Gao - America On-Line

Lt. John Collier - Police Officer

10/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

TRAFFIC STOP CAMERAS

Is Pennsylvania moving towards allowing cameras at traffic intersections to catch red light runners? As Gary Sinderson reports, most police are all for the idea, but legislatures may kill the idea.

1:15 - Package

Sen. Jake Corman - (R) Centre County

10/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

PRISON OVERCROWDING

Somerset County has more people in jail than they have space. And that could create some serious problems, problems the county commissioners want fixed.

1:00 - Package

Jim Marker - County commissioner

10/11/02, 5 PM, Friday Dave Zafris

DUI BILLBOARD

A picture of a man killed by a drunk driver in Clearfield county is being posted so people will think twice about drinking and driving. It's a new approach that everyone hopes will work. Dave Zafris has the story.

1:30 - Package

Evelyn McKee - Victim's sister

10/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

SEX ABUSE / CLERGY

The Vatican has rejected a new sex abuse policy drafted by Catholic bishops. The rejection means that more needs to be done before it can be approved. What does this mean for the local diocese and the cases of abuse here? Eileen Teves reports.

1:10 - Package

Bishop Joseph Adamec - Johnstown-Altoona Diocese

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10/24/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

It's a silent problem that unfortunately too many people have to deal with, domestic violence. That is why Somerset County hosted a seminar to figure out how to counteract the problem. Those from police officers and district attorneys to Women's Help Center and shelter workers attended to give input.

:47 – SOT/VO

Tracy Tredennick – Women's Help Center

10/24/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DATING ABUSE

According to a new study from Harvard University, twenty percent of high school girls experience some type of dating violence. Lisa Stofko reports that the abuse is not always physical.

1:51 – Package

Grace Warnecke – Age 17

David Fenstermaker – Clinical psychologist

10/25/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA CONTROVERSY

Controversy is heating up in State College over talk of installing downtown surveillance cameras. The police department is looking into mounting at least two cameras in the area of Beaver Avenue where three riots took place in recent years. Police call it an added crime-fighting tool; opponents call it an invasion of privacy.

:49 – SOT/VO

Michael Maneval – ACLU

Chief Tom King – State College Police

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11/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jamie John

ATM THEFT

Millions of Americans love the convenience of check or debit cards. We use them more and more for everything, from quick cash to a tank of gas. But beware, it's getting easier and easier for someone to drain your wallet with you not even knowing it. Jamie John reports.

1:30 – Package

Tim Haney – Allegheny County Detective

Charlie Hagins – Debit card user

Sondra Wolgemuth – Debit card user

Don Custer – Ameriserve Security

11/11/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mary Ann Ahern

BISHOP CONFERENCE

American bishops once again are tackling the crisis in the church, priests accused of sexually abusing children. Mary Ann Ahern was at the Bishops Conference with the latest.

1:59 – Package

Bishop Thomas Doran – Rockford, IL

Steve Lynch – Survivor

Cardinal George – Chicago

Kathleen McChesney – Child advocate

11/11/02, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

BISHOP CONFERENCE

Protecting the rights of priests conflicts with protecting children from abuse in the Catholic church. That's what the nation's Roman Catholic bishops are trying to do through newly proposed church policies. Landra Booker reports that the meeting this week is an attempt to respond to concerns raised by the Pope.

1:00 – Package

Bishop Gregory Wilton – Catholic bishops president

David Clohessy – Survivor's Network

11/12/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CLERGY ABUSE

After a second day of meetings in the nation's capitol, Catholic bishops are on the defensive saying that proposed changes to the church's sex abuse policy still protect children and punish wayward priests.

:38 – SOT/VO

Bishop Anthony Bosco – Greensburg Archdiocese

11/13/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Cambria County leaders learned more about domestic violence today. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a presentation called "Debunking the Myths of Domestic Violence." Many misconceptions are just an excuse for an abuser.

:40 – SOT/VO

Cheryl Hassell – Training consultant

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11/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Mary Ann Ahern

BISHOPS APPROVAL

Catholic bishops from all over the country have spoken. They've approved revisions made to their sex abuse policy with the hope of putting the scandal behind them. Mary Ann Ahern reports.

1:59 – Package

Cardinal George – Chicago

Susan Archibald – Linkup, Victim's Group

Cardinal Law – Boston

Bishop Gregory – Conference of Catholic Bishops

Barbara Blaine – Snap, Victim's Group

11/19/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTIONS

In a landmark underage drinking case, a Pennsylvania woman has been convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the drinking deaths of three teenagers. She didn't supply the alcohol, but a jury found her responsible nonetheless. Her knowledge of what was going on and her permitting it did not seem right to the jury members. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:58 – Package

Judge Greg Adams – Juvenile Court Judge

11/19/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

CHEMICAL ATTACK

A gas leak in Johnstown's Eighth Ward sent over 40 people to the hospital this afternoon and police say that it was not an accident. They have teamed up with the FBI to find out who released a form of riot gas that can not even be legally purchased. That person, when caught is going to find themselves in terrible trouble. Mark Allen reports.

2:08 – Package

Ken Stephens – Johnstown

Alena Stephens – Johnstown

Chief Mike Huss – Johnstown Fire Dept.

Pete O'Connor – Bishop McCort student

Capt. Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Dept.

Mark McNeely – Firearm dealer

11/21/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

MADD RATING

Mothers Against Drunk Driving says Pennsylvania has a lot of work to do. The group put every state to the test to see how well they are doing with preventing DUI cases. Pennsylvania earned a "C." With 663 people killed in the state last year by drunk drivers, MADD says there is a definite and urgent need for improvement, particularly with the holidays coming up. Jon Meyer reports.

1:26 – Package

Sgt Patrick Madigan – State Police, Somerset

Dave McConnell – MADD, Blair County

11/25/02, 11 PM, Monday Kristen Dahlgren

IDENTITY THEFT

It is being called the largest case of identity theft in the United States. Three men are now under arrest for stealing more than thirty thousand identities across the United States by obtaining their credit. The effect is widespread. How did they do it and can you protect yourself from this kind of inside operation? Kristen Dahlgren reports.

1:13 – Package

James Comey – U.S. Attorney

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11/28/02, 6 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

HI-TECH CRIME

The Secret Service says it is getting easier and cheaper for criminals to pull off hi-tech schemes to steal from your checking and credit accounts. With inexpensive computer equipment, thieves have access to more money than they ever imagined. Alison Burns reports.

2:30 - Package

Frank James - Secret Service

John Caddigan - Secret Service

11/29/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Hampton Pearson

STORE SECURITY

Whether at WalMart or the mall, millions of Americans will take to the stores in the weeks until Christmas. Mall management will have their eyes on security and protecting shoppers from not only criminals, but terrorists. Hampton Pearson reports.

1:45 - Package

Neil Livingston - Terrorism expert

Tom Walton - Allied Security

NBC: CRIME & LAW NOVEMBER

Nightly News

Wednesday, November 20

Fleeing of America: Medicare Fraud

Correspondent: Rosiland Jordan

The Heroes of Fleeing: A look at the Senior Medicare Patrol Project, under which seniors help the government uncover fraud.

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Dr. Phil **11/4/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil delves into the psyche of a child molester. He exposes how the man gained the trust of parents in order to lure away the children victims. Dr. Phil offers a list of precautions for parents to prevent their children from becoming victims.

Show #: 1044 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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12/4/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

BLAIR COUNTY BURGLARIES

The number of burglaries and robberies are on the rise in the Altoona area. But police say it is not unusual for this type of crime to increase as the holidays approach. Dave Zafris has some tips to keep your home safe.

1:00 – Package

Officer Rick Johnson – Altoona police

12/9/02, 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

VANDALISM

Vandals struck in Centre County and the crimes have left victims confused as to why people commit this type of crime. Police are searching for the perpetrators to find those answers. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:43 – Package

Jon Ditz – Vandalism victim

Det. Brian Sprinkle – Ferguson Township Police

Horst Delorenzi – Vandalism victim

12/11/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Rick Earl

QUEECREEK HEARINGS

State and federal officials are trying to determine if anyone should be charged with a criminal action that may have caused the Quecreek Mine Accident. A grand jury began taking testimony today from the rescued miners. Rick Earl reports.

1:30 – Package

12/12/02, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ARSONIST?

An arsonist may be on the loose in Northern Cambria. Officials believe that two recent fires there were set deliberately. While officials can't establish a link between the two fires, residents are on edge. Police are looking for anyone who may have seen or heard something.

:39 – VO

12/17/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

DUI CHECKS

Every year, thousands die in alcohol-related crashes. This holiday season, area police are taking this opportunity to ward drivers not to drink or drive. Drivers need to find other ways to get home safely if drinking is a part of their holiday celebration. If not, the consequences are not good. Eileen Teves reports.

:44 – Package

Janie McConnell – Son died in crash

12/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MENTAL HEALTH IN PRISON

More and more inmates with mental health problems are showing up in prisons across the country. Unfortunately, many prison personnel have little or no training in dealing with those with mental health issues, inmates who can pose an added threat to the rest of the jail population. :50 – SOT/VO

David Immel – Centre County Warden

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12/19/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Ryan Leckey

BURGLARIES

How can you keep your home safe over the holidays from burglars looking to steal all the great gifts you've bought? Police say that it's not only important to keep your doors locked, but make sure it looks like someone is at home all the time. Otherwise, your home could become a target. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:11 – Package

Det. George Musulin – West Hills Police Dept.

12/23/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

WORK ZONE BILL

You may want to slow down when driving in construction zones from now on. Gov. Mark Schweiker has signed a bill that makes the penalties for speeding in work zones more severe.

:39 – SOT/VO

Jim Gates – PennDOT worker

12/26/02, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

ECSTASY PENALTIES

The penalties for dealing the drug ecstasy in Pennsylvania have just gotten tougher. The governor has signed a bill that hikes both jail time and fines for ecstasy dealers in an effort to fight this crime epidemic.

:26 – VO

NBC: CRIME & LAW DECEMBER

Nightly News

Wednesday, December 18

Should convicted criminals receive organ transplants? A controversial heart transplant has sparked a national debate on the medical rights of prisoners.

Dateline

Friday, December 27

Criminals have found a new way to get into your home-by flashing a police badge. These imposters carry phony badges that look identical to those used by the police, FBI and Secret Service. Where do criminals get these badges? Lea Thompson investigates.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION OCTOBER

10/03/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Showing patriotism in Pennsylvania schools could become a law if new legislation passes the State Senate. Sophia Wharton has more on how administrators and students in our area feel on this issue.

1:37 – Package

Katie Bauer – Patriotic 5th grader

Ashley Lopez – 5th Grade

Gerald Zahorchack – Superintendent

Thomas Leap – Eastside Elementary

10/03/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

MENINGITIS RISK

The risk is real. College students in Pennsylvania are now required by law to receive vaccinations against meningitis. Do your kids really need the vaccination? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:11 – Package

Dr. Nancy Rosenstein – Meningitis Branch, CDC

Alex West – Age 19

Melanie Benn – Disease survivor

10/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CHILDREN'S HEALTH ED.

A new program that's targeting preschoolers in preschool is helping healthy kids grow up to be healthy adults. The program is called "Color Me Health" and it teaches kids that five servings a day of fruit and vegetables make them strong.

:41 – SOT/VO

Priscilla Laula – Health Educator

10/08/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

HOMESCHOOLING

It's a growing trend in education. As many as 2 million American children are now being home schooled. That's a jump of nearly 15 percent a year. But is this a full-time commitment for everyone? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 – Package

Nylah Rampersad – Age 12

Gloria Meaux – Licensed psychologist

Rowena Rampersad – Mother

10/10/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Parents want their children to get a good education. But what can they do if their school district falls short. Lisa Stofko has the options.

2:10 – Package

Shakeen Magee – Mother

Clara Keith – Expert

Nelda Heatherly – Expert

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10/11/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

BULLYING PROGRAM

Bullying is a problem all schools face and has come forefront in the headlines after incidents like Columbine grabbed the nation's attention. Now, with the help of Conemaugh Health Systems, schools in our area are taking a proactive approach. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:02 – Package

Lisa Yannone – Portage Middle School

Andrew Maul – Portage Elementary

Ethan Leydig – Portage Middle School

Christian Serenko – Program coordinator

10/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

RED RIBBON RALLY

It wasn't violence in schools but drugs in schools that attracted a large crowd of Somerset County students today. The students were recognized for joining the fight against alcohol and drug addiction. Mark Allen reports.

1:34 – Package

Wallace Miller – Somerset County coroner

10/15/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

COLLEGE VIOLENCE

Sexual assault and domestic violence aren't your usual curriculum topics on college campuses, but the number of victims at universities nationwide is forcing colleges to take a closer review of their support programs. At Penn State, the focus is on how the Campus Judicial System deals with victims. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:10 – Package

10/15/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

NEW DIGITAL CENTER

A rural community is getting the help it needs to move into the cyber world. Thanks to state grants, a Blair County School District is opening its doors to help its neighbors go digital and its students go far. Eileen Teves reports.

1:18 – Package

Nancy Newlin – New Digital Center

Adam Lee – Student

10/16/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

A proposal by Governor Schweiker could mean that all kids in Pennsylvania will head for pre-school. The next governor would have to push it through legislation, but as Sophia Wharton reports, the facts show we can't afford to ignore it.

1:40 – Package

Sara Rutledge – Prof. Early Education

Fran Lustig Sivi – Head Start

10/18/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

REASSESSMENT DEBATE

Bedford school district officials have decided to give up the fight for reassessment because they just don't have enough support. Their position has been that the county needs to do a reassessment of just how much businesses and homes are worth.

:42 – SOT/VO

Pat Crawford – Superintendent

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10/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

PRISONERS AND KIDS

It's a hard lesson for kids today, staying away from drugs. But one Blair County school is hoping that their students get the message from those who should know, those who are doing time for drugs. Eileen Teves reports.

2:06 – Package

Julie Yahner – Guidance counselor

Amanda Hazelett – 7th Grader

Chris Garguilo – 7th Grader

10/22/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

A MILLION EXCUSES

Polls show that American students tell lots of lies, especially when it comes to all the reasons why their homework is late. With more on the lies they tell and why they lie, Lisa Stofko reports.

2:04 – Package

Hamida Hanza – Age 17

Tony Jwanouskos – Age 18

Heidi Scarboro – Age 17

Viera Pablant – Clinical psychologist

10/22/02, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

STUDENTS FIGHT BACK

College students across Pennsylvania are using a new tactic in fighting rising tuition costs. Students at State universities are forming a new lobbying group to talk to State legislators about more money for higher education.

:31 – SOT/VO

Sean Miller – Penn State sophomore

10/29/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL PHYSICALS

The strain that some high school athletes put on their hearts can be deadly if they have a serious heart defect. Unfortunately, almost no high school in the country gives a physical exam that can detect the condition. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:04 – Package

Nicolette Owens – Mother

Alfred Lopez – Friend

Dr. Angel Leon – Chief Cardiologist

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Nightly News

Wednesday, October 16

Nightly News examines toxic mold. It's not just a problem in the home alone. Many American schools have contamination in the walls and air ducts and don't know it. What measures are being taken to clean it up?

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11/01/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

FOSTERING SUCCESS

If you think back to your early school years, you might be reminded of a particular teacher who made a lasting impression on you. Maybe there was a project or class that stands out in your mind. Channel 6 News begins a new series profiling teachers, students, and programs that foster success in our schools. Tonight, Lisa Stofko reports on a music teacher who's making a difference.

2:09 – Package

Julie Vassallo – 2nd grade teacher

Erin Knepper – Music teacher

Cory Haag – 2nd grader

11/05/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

EVOLUTION DEBATE

In several school districts across the country, the origin of man is in the crosshairs. Some parents believe evolution is taught in a way that excludes other possible theories. Lisa Stofko has more on the controversy.

1:58 – Package

Jake Randolph – Age 15

Christy Berry – Age 16

Ashley Ragan – Age 14

Kaitlyn Jenkins – Age 16

Justin Howard – Age 18

Dr. Bob Simmerman – Clinical psychologist

11/06/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

VACCINATION CLINIC

Thousands of students at Penn State are rolling up their sleeves to get the mandated meningitis vaccine. It is required by the college for all students that live on the campus and represents another financial burden for many of the students. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:30 – Package

Steve Lauper – Student

Jared Williams – Student

11/06/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

SOMERSET STRIKE?

Some students in Somerset County may be out of school in the near future. Teachers in the Somerset Area School District have rejected an arbitrators ruling, clearing the way for a strike. Mark Allen is live in Friedens with a report.

:40 – Package

Debra Yoder- Parent

Abby Gross – Student

Jennifer Wheeler – Parent

11/06/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TEACHERS REJECT RULING

The Somerset area Education Association voted last night to reject an arbitrator's non-binding ruling. While trying to avoid a work stoppage, the teacher's union would like the school board to agree to binding arbitration. Indications are that parents and students will not support a strike.

:47 – SOT/VO

Claire Isgan – Student

Jennifer Wheeler – Parent

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11/08/02, 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

LEARNING WITHOUT WALLS

A stand-out teacher in one Somerset County School district makes learning memorable for her students in a classroom without walls. Lisa Stofko reports on this successful English teacher.

1:45 – Package

Jan Bowman – 12th Grade English

Tyler Barton – 12th Grade

11/11/02, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

SOMERSET TEACHERS

The Somerset School District and its teachers remain on their collision course which is likely to end in a teacher strike. The school board re-enforced its stance tonight.

:45 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

11/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

HOME SCHOOLING

Home schooling is a growing option for many parents and their children nationwide. But are the home schooling regulations in Pennsylvania too restrictive? Lawmakers are considering it this week. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:35 – Package

11/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

HOME SCHOOLING

It may come as no surprise that school districts are opposing the plan to loosen home school standards.

:35 – SOT/VO

Dr. Jerry Zahorchak – Johnstown Superintendent

11/12/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

GRIEF COUNSELING

Whenever there's a tragedy on campus – a school shooting, an accident, or a suicide, grief counselors are there to help. They say that talking about our feelings helps us cope with the horrible things we've seen or heard. It makes sense, but is it true? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:07 – Package

Kelly Van Aken – Age 17

John Griffen – Age 18

Oona Cadorin – Grief counselor

Neha Talreja – Age 17

11/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

NURSING SHORTAGE

Some state educators are saying that something needs to be done to encourage more students to go into nursing and more nurses to stay in the Commonwealth. Officials hope a new State program will do just that. Eileen Teves reports.

1:00 – Package

Diane Vellner – Nursing student

Michael Hershock – PHEAA CEO

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11/14/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

HOMEWORK OVERLOAD

For the past twenty years, homework levels have steadily increased to help American kids catch up to the best students around the globe. But with some kids working four or five hours a night, many students and parents are complaining about burnout. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:06 – Package

Deborah Hannah – Mother

Dr. Frank Pajares – Professor

11/14/02, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

SOMERSET SURVEY

The Somerset Area School Board believes it has new ammunition in its fight to avoid a teachers' strike. The board wanted a feel for what residents think about the on going dispute, and they believe that the results of a phone survey show that residents favor the board's position and don't support a teachers' strike. Mark Allen reports.

1:20 – Package

John Coleman – School board president

11/14/02, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

TEACHER TESTING

Teacher testing will stay in the Keystone State, thanks to Gov. Mark Schweiker. But in saving the teacher testing program, the Governor is losing a lot of support. A Pennsylvania State Education Association official says the tests don't properly measure a teacher's abilities and the money could be put to better use.

:46 – SOT/VO

Lucy Harlow – PSEA Comm. Specialist

11/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

WOMEN IN COLLEGE

At universities nationwide, there's a growing gender gap in admissions. This gap would have been unheard of not too long ago. Women on campus now outnumber men at many colleges. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:30 – Package

Aimee Rice – PSU Bio-science student

Susan Hollinger – PSU Freshman

Brian Jara – PSU student advisor

Tara Laquino – PSU student

11/21/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

POSSIBLE STRIKE DATE

The Somerset Area School Board is telling parents to expect a teacher strike soon. Board president John Coleman says that administrators have gotten signals that the strike may come around Dec. 9th.

:39 – SOT/VO

John Coleman – School Board president

11/21/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DISSECTING

It's estimated that 6 million frogs, fetal pigs, and cats are dissected in classrooms across the country each year. Recently, some students have grabbed headline by refusing to take part in dissections. It's a growing trend. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 – Package

Shakira Croce – Age 15

Michael Houze – Biology teacher

Phyllis Bedford – Friends of Animals

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11/22/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

TEACHER CONTRACT STRIKE?

The possibility of a teachers strike in Somerset County has many wondering what they're going to do if they have to cross a picket line. For parents, students, and other district employees, the situation will not be easy.

:48 – SOT/VO

Denise Howard – Somerset

Andrea Barclay – Somerset

11/22/02, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PENN STATE GREEK SYSTEM

Due to increasing concerns in recent years, Penn State administrators are stepping up their oversight of the university's fraternity system. The previous "Hands off" approach is giving way to a to more control due to the increase in problems and court cases being reported.

:47 – SOT/VO

William Asbury – PSU Vice president

11/26/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

CAFFEINE CRUTCH

The bitter taste of coffee used to keep kids away from caffeine, but now caffeine is available in sodas, energy drinks, even pills. But how much is too much? Are kids using caffeine as a substitute for good study habits? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:52 – Package

Ali Naqvi – Age 17

Mehnaz Naqvi – Mother

Dr. Robert Perez – Clinical psychologist

11/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

SMOKING TEST

According to the centers for disease control, half of high school students have experimented with tobacco products. A quarter are regular users. Now schools have a quick test to find out who they are. Lisa Stofko reports on the controversial test.

1:54 – Package

Dr. Peter Ross – Psychologist

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12/3/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

SAM CLASSES

It's something that every college student dreads – going to class at 8:00 a.m. But that could soon be a thing of the past. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:05 – Package

Dave Lenar – Penn State student

Daniel Campos – Penn State student

Jeremy Wray – Penn State student

Tyson Kendig – Penn State spokesman

12/3/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

SOMERSET STRIKE

The Somerset Area School Board wants to know what residents think about the on-going teacher contract dispute. A public forum was held at the high school so that residents could express their opinions. Mark Allen reports.

1:06 – Package

Mary Beth Seybold – parent

Tom Kerila – resident

Alex Ogle – resident

12/4/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

CONSOLIDATION

In Centre County, it's out with the old and in with consolidation. That's the new plan for the Penns Valley School District. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:49 – Package

Stephanie Ironside – Parent, member of PVSOS

Terri McNitt – PVSOS spokesperson

12/4/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

The federal government has launched a new initiative to keep your children safe while on field trips and school outings. Many schools use regular buses, but now some are using motor coaches. Brigitte Langmade reports.

2:00 – Packages

Clyde Hart, Jr. – American Bus Association

Joseph Clapp – Motor Carrier Safety Administration

12/5/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

STANDARDIZED TESTING

In a nationwide push to reform education, there is an increased emphasis on standardized testing. As Lisa Stofko reports, critics believe these high-stake tests may be pushing kids too far.

2:01 – Package

Mary Ellen Klein – Age 14

Stan Williams – Education expert

Jennifer Klein – Mother

12/5/02, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

SOMERSET TEACHERS

Time is running out to settle the contract dispute in the Somerset Area School District. Several teachers turned out for the regular board meeting tonight in a last-ditch effort to keep the talks going. Mark Allen reports.

1:37 – Package

Connie Hay – Teacher

James Cascio – Board Chief Negotiator

John Critchfield – SAEA President

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12/6/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

SOMERSET SCHOOLS

Teachers in the Somerset Area School District have given their notice. They will go on strike starting next week. Classes have been cancelled for Monday and administrators expect the strike to last for weeks. Jon Meyer reports.

1:30 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

John Critchfield – Union President

Kayla Grymm – 10th grader

12/6/02, 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

WATCHING THE KIDS

The Somerset community is bracing for the strike. Daycares in the area are preparing to take on more kids and older kids. Churches are making plans for babysitting services.

:41 – SOT/VO

Teryll Gribble – Daycare operator

12/9/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

STRIKE

The battle of teacher's benefits and salaries in Somerset County reaches a new level today as the teachers strike for the very first time. But it didn't happen overnight. Sophia Wharton reports on what led to the conflict.

2:12 – Package

John Coleman – School board president

Jon Critchfield – Union president

12/10/02, 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

SPINOFF PROBLEMS

The strike is causing problems for many parents who work and can't afford after-school care. Sophia Wharton reports on what options these parents have.

:50 – Package

Evonne Alberter – ACRP

12/10/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LITERACY PROGRAM

A national literacy program that started in 1989 in Boston has come to Somerset. "Reach out and read" teams up local schools and hospitals. They encourage parents to read to their children at very young ages.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dr. Michele Sredy – Pediatrician

12/10/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

ADHD IN GIRLS

Attention deficit disorder is often thought of as a problem among teenage boys. For the most part, it is. As Lisa Stofko reports, that perception has lead to an under diagnosis of the problem in other school-age kids.

1:55 – Package

Brianna Cabano – Age 17

Steve Hinshaw – Psychology professor

12/10/02, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET BUS DRIVERS

For bus drivers in Somerset County, the teacher strike means no work and no pay. For the part time drivers who rely on the income to make ends meet, the holidays are shaping up to be bleak.

:36 – SOT/VO

Mardianne St. Claire – Bus driver 13 years

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12/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

TEACHERS' STRIKE

Striking teachers and school board members in Somerset are continuing but so far the result is the same, both parties frustrated and kids home from school.

:54 – SOT/VO

Randy Pletcher – Somerset Borough

Ruth Marteney – Meyersdale

12/12/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

CHEATING

According to Rutgers University, a survey of high school students says that 74% of teens admit they have cheated in some way. So what can parents do? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:02 – Package

Dr. James Fowler – Ethics expert

12/16/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET STRIKE

Week 2 of the teachers' strike in Somerset finds them still on the picket line. A union spokesman says there's no end in sight; bargaining teams did not meet over the weekend. The teachers did get support today from the president of the State Education Association.

:56 – SOT/VO

Jim Weaver – PSEA Vice-president

Alexander Ogle – Somerset

Tim Hinebaugh – Somerset – Rockwood

12/17/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SAT UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

The S-A-T's are the ultimate high-stakes test. On exam day, every second counts. So why are some students given several hours longer to take the test than other students get? Is it fair? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:10 – Package

Bonnie Farrai – Mother

Brendan Pratt – Neuropsychologist

12/26/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading was once considered a low-key sideline activity. It has evolved into much more of a real sport. It is also a lot more dangerous than it used to be. School officials and parents don't always seem aware of the change and that is yet more dangerous. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Sally Harris – Sports medicine

12/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction has started on a school for troubled youths in Blair County. But some of its neighbors are concerned that it is a bit too close for comfort. Dave Zafris reports on their concerns.

1:39 – Package

Charles Diehl – Snyder Township resident

Andrea Shope – Pyramid spokesperson

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12/30/02, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEBATE

Millions of adults in America struggled through French, Spanish, or German class back in high school. Today, they can't remember a single word. So what is the worth of all that study? Lisa Stofko reports on the debate.

2:00 – Package

Daniel Lanctot – French teacher

12/31/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS

By some estimates, 70 per cent of high school juniors begin their college hunt on the internet. Some even chose the school to attend, sight unseen. Is that really a wise move? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:51 – Package

Deborah Padilla – High School assistant

EDUCATION DECEMBER

Connecting With Kids

12/04/02

There are 45 million children enrolled in school in the United States. On any given day, 5 and ½ million students are absent. Nearly 4 million will drop out. This special asks the question why? The mini-society of school can be fun, intellectually challenging, and socially and emotionally fulfilling. But not every kid fits in. Some get hurt, discouraged, or humiliated. Also, everyone doesn't learn in the same way. Sometimes the learning needs of students are not met. Often another piece of the puzzle is missing, involved adults who notice when something is wrong. The problem is not one of poverty, race, or disfunctional families. Sixty-six percent of drop outs are white, and sixty-eight percent come from two-parent homes. Forty-seven per cent attend suburban schools. What happens when these children don't show up for school? How do they get jobs? Do they end up in the penal system? Are there alternative programs for those who don't fit in? Is there a way to motivate kids to learn? Can enforcing truancy laws help cut down on the problem? What are the options for those who have already dropped out? This program attempts to deal with all those issues and provides information on public and private programs that are available to address students' needs.

Show #: Roll Call

Syndicator: Connecting With Kids Network

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10/01/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Robert Bazell

FRIED FOOD

You've heard the warnings that fried foods aren't good for you, may even contain a cancer causing ingredient. But now there's evidence that the ingredient may not be as dangerous as scientists first thought. Robert Bazell reports.

1:20 – Package

Joseph Levitt – U.S. Food & Drug Administration

10/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

TRAUMA UPGRADE

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center just moved up in the world. Its trauma center has just been upgraded to the highest level possible. That's exciting news for the hospital and the patients that go there. Jamie John reports.

1:22 – Package

Dr. Richard Salluzzo – Conemaugh CEO

Dr. S. Lee Miller – Conemaugh Trauma doctor

10/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

SELF BREAST EXAMS

Results of a decade long breast cancer study are showing that survival rates among women who do breast self-exams regularly are no higher than those who don't. This news comes at the beginning of breast cancer awareness month. Sophia Wharton reports that area experts feel the evidence is very inconclusive.

1:29 – Package

Dr. Dianna Craig – Surgeon

10/02/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

BREAST CANCER PROGRAM

A new study about the importance of breast self-exams has angered some medical professionals and breast cancer survivors. The study suggests that teaching the method may be a waste of time. Mark Allen reports that some area women say the exam saved their lives.

1:38 – Package

10/03/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jamie John

LAUREL CREST

After several months, the Cambria County Commissioners made a decision today about Laurel Crest Manor. Unfortunately, it didn't bring the issue to an end. Jamie John reports.

1:04 – Package

Mary Repko – Resident's relative

Kathy Holtzman – Cambria County Commissioner

Mildred Robine – Resident's relative

John Sobditch – Resident's relative

Terri Mesoras – Assistant Director of Nursing

10/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jamie John

LAUREL CREST SALE

It was expected the county would make a decision on whether or not to sell Laurel Crest to Brockway's Guardian Incorporated. After an executive session, commissioners announced they might be considering a different buyer. Jamie John reports.

:58 – Package

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center

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10/07/02, 5 PM, Monday Mark Allen

FLU SEASON

The falling leaves and cooler temperatures signal that the flu season is right around the corner. Health officials don't expect a particularly bad flu season this year, but they are urging parents to have their young children vaccinated. Mark Allen reports.

1:32 – Package

Louis Schenfeld – Infectious Disease Specialist

10/07/02, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

SIDS

Results of a new study send a strong message to parents about their babies sleeping habits. The research offers convincing evidence that having infants sleeping on their backs can save lives. Mark Allen reports.

1:13 – Package

Amy Migliaccio – Johnstown

Dr. Marian Wallinger – National Institute Child health

10/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

LAUREL CREST TRANSFER

After nine long and uncertain months, Cambria County finally made a decision about Laurel Crest, the county-run 550 bed facility. The County Commissioners had considered an offer from Guardian Inc., but in the 11th hour, they received an offer from Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center. Jamie John reports on what it means for residents.

1:00 – Package

Marilyn Straw – Laurel Crest

Jim Morissey – Laurel Crest resident

Jane Eger – Laurel Crest employee

Kathy Holtzman – Cambria County Commissioner

10/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

OVERWEIGHT AMERICANS

A new study says that more and more Americans are obese. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say their research shows a jump in adult weight gain, but obesity in children has tripled in the past decade. What's causing Americans to pack on the pounds?

:47 – SOT/VO

Cynthia Ogden, Ph.D. – Disease Control & Prevention

10/09/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Eileen Teves

OBESITY

Experts are saying that America is losing in the battle of the bulge. Studies show that more than half of the American adult population are overweight or obese. Health officials are worried about the consequences when we tip the scales. Eileen Teves reports.

1:37 – Package

Randy Grabill, R.D. – Clinical dietician

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10/10/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Max Gomez

FEET & MAGNETS

Diabetes is a terrible disease that leads to heart attacks, stroke, and kidney failure. It can also lead to a lesser known problem that is actually a huge quality of life issue, and the major cause of amputations. As Dr. Max Gomez reports, something as simple as a magnet can help reverse the nerve damage.

1:39 - Package

Michael Montopoli - Diabetic

Michael Weintraub - New York Medical College

10/11/02, 5 PM, Friday Deanna Lites

AUTISM HERB

Experts estimate that over one in 150 children have some form of autism. No one knows the exact cause, but it can interfere with language development and social behaviors. Medications and therapy can improve some symptoms, but as Dr. Deanna Lites reports, a new natural supplement is also showing promise.

1:42 - Package

Diane Curtis - Jane's mother

Maureen Sieger - Jonahan's mother

Dr. Michael Chez - Neurologist

10/11/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

MALPRACTICE SOLUTION

State lawmakers took action this week to try and stop the drain of doctors in Pennsylvania. The high cost of malpractice insurance is forcing some of them to look for jobs elsewhere. Jon Meyer talked with physicians who say this newly passed bill won't solve the problem.

1:55 - Package

Dr. Michael Moses - Western PA Orthopedics

Rep. Tom Cannon - (R) Delaware county

10/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

BLUE CROSS INCREASE

Health care costs will go up about 30 percent next year in the United States. You could be paying more than you think, because it's your tax dollars that pay for those increases for government employees. Cambria county and the city of Johnstown are just two examples. Jamie John reports.

1:00 - Package

Kathy Holtzman - Cambria County commissioner

Jeff Silka - City manager

10/15/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Gina Morss

YOUTH HEART HEALTH

Most college students are busy thinking about their studies or getting a job after they have that degree. But they rarely think about their health. But young people would do well to have their heart health on their minds, that according to the American Heart Association. Gina Morss explains why.

1:30 - Package

Allan Adams - Heart Attack survivor

Dr. Subaash Patel - Cardiologist

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10/15/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

ANOREXIA THERAPY

Millions of adolescent girls and a small percentage of boys suffer from anorexia nervosa. It's a dangerous, even deadly eating disorder that can be difficult to treat. But a controversial new therapy could hold some promise for victims and their families. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:09 - Package

Amy Heatherly - Recovering anorexic

Dr. Anne Moore - Eating disorders expert

10/15/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

ORAL CANCER

Your next dental exam could actually end up saving your life. Oral cancer isn't something that we hear about too often. But as Diana Gonzalez reports, it is something you need to watch out for and your dentist can help.

2:06 - Package

Marty Mash - Oral cancer patient

10/16/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Deanna Lites

BIRTH CONTROL

There's a new birth control pill on the market. It's called yasmin. Not only does it prevent unwanted pregnancies, some patients believe it helps them lose or at least keep weight off. Dr. Deanna Lites reports.

1:43 - Package

Dr. Linda Katz - OB/GYN

10/16/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Diane Olick

HEALTHCARE COSTS

Long a problem for Americans, companies are using healthcare benefits to entice prospective employees. But what is the cost, and who really pays when those costs rise? Diane Olick reports.

2:40 - Package

Jim Wordsworth - Restaurant owner

Uwe Reinhardt - Healthcare economist

Gail Shearer - Consumers Union

10/17/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

BIOTERRORISM TRAINING

In emergency situations, teamwork is critical. In Altoona, hundreds of doctors, counselors, and emergency workers came together to learn more from each other and what to do in case of a bio-chemical scare. Eileen Teves was there for the talk on coordination.

1:10 - Package

Joe Suyama - UPMC Emergency Svcs

Dr. Scott Magli - Altoona Hospital

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10/17/02, 5 PM, Thursday Regina Lewis

SELF DIAGNOSIS

The internet has become a very useful tool for those with health questions. But a new survey shows that maybe all that information could be a bad thing. Regina Lewis looks at the problem of people self-diagnosing.

1:30 – Package

Diana Beckmann – Uses on-line health advice

Dr. Charlotte Grayson – Wed MD

10/17/02, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

MAMMOGRAPHY VOUCHERS

Something you may not know is that many women are eligible for free mammograms in Pennsylvania. Sophia Wharton has more on why it is important for people in our region to take advantage of it.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Gerald Carguilo – Johnstown Breast Center

Mary Ann Michuk – Voucher recipient

10/18/02, 5 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

DEFIBRILLATORS AT SHOPPING CENTERS

They are being credited with saving more lives than ever now that defibrillators are in area shopping centers. The devices are simple to use, even by those without training. Sophia Wharton reports on their impact locally.

1:34 – Package

Daniel Wood – Safety manager

10/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jerry Cobb

IMPORTED DRUGS

More and more of you are looking for a way around the high cost of prescription drugs. That has people heading for the border. But those money-saving trips to Canada are illegal. As Jerry Cobb found out, at least one insurer is starting to recognize the need for affordable drugs.

1:45 – Package

Sarah Ross – Bank of America Capital Management

Jeff Trewhitt – Pharmaceutical Research

10/18/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

NEW HEART TEST

Doctors now have a new test for congestive heart failure, a disease which effects five million Americans each year. A quick diagnosis is vital and this new 15 minute blood test does the trick.

:32 – SOT/VO

Dr. Kenneth Burnham – Cardiologist

10/18/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jamie John

DRUG REPORT

Are your school-aged children drinking and smoking? Bedford County did a study to see what kids are getting into these days. Jamie John reports that officials found out a lot.

1:37 – Package

Glen Thompson – Bedford School District

Mark Shirk – PSI

Loriann Pauley – Parent

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10/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

FLU SHOTS

The cold and flu season is right around the corner. It's a bigger killer than the west Nile virus. Twenty thousand people are expected to die this year from the flu. And it's completely preventable. Dr. Max Gomez tells you who should make sure to get a flu shot.

2:00 – Package

Dr. Julie Gerberding – Centers for Disease control

Dr. Doris Bucher – New York Medical College

10/22/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

LOSING WEIGHT

Shedding just a few pounds may be all you need to make a big difference in your health. That's the message of new research that has uncovered a key link between weight loss and blood pressure. Helen Chickering reports the details.

1:07 – Package

10/24/02, 5 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON LINE

The high cost of prescription drugs has some of you looking for bargains on-line. But Diane Bakos reports you should beware, on-line pharmacies may be able to save you a few bucks, but at what risk?

1:19 – Package

10/24/02, 5 PM, Thursday Artie Ojeda

LEUKEMIA STUDY

It could be a new approach to fighting leukemia. Right now, the best hope for those cancer patients is chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants. Researchers are looking at using a patient's own immune system to battle this cancer of the blood. Artie Ojeda reports.

1:24 – Package

Edward Ball, M.D. – UCSD Cancer Specialist

Bob Climer – Leukemia patient

10/24/02, 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Even though the fight against cancer may seem like an on-going battle, new treatments are being discovered everyday. But doctors say that one of the most important factors in overcoming the debilitating disease is awareness. Eileen Teves reports.

1:00 – Package

Jinny Berkheimer – Breast cancer survivor

Dr. Atheresa Pagluica – Bons Secours Hospital

10/24/02, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

HORMONE THERAPY CONFUSION

National health experts are meeting in Washington to try to sort through the confusion caused by a study that found health risks linked to one form of hormone therapy. In the meantime, scientists have been hard at work trying to develop alternative therapies for the symptoms of menopause. Helen Chickering reports on the progress.

1:05 – Package

Dr. Trady Gaudet – Gynecologist

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10/28/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

HORMONE THERAPY

Hormone replacement therapy is one of the most controversial medical topics these days. A study of this popular form of treatment left women with some misconceptions about whether they should use hormones. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

1:54 – Package

Linda Finkelstein – Menopause patient

Zel Rubins – Menopause patient

Dr. Marian Limacher – Cardiologist

Dr. Steven Goldstein – OB/Gyn

10/29/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jason Tyler

ANEURYSMS

If not detected, abdominal aortic aneurysms can be deadly. But doctors have come up with a new procedure that changes how they treat patients. It actually can get you out of the hospital quicker. Jason Tyler reports.

2:21 – Package

Arthur Leatherman – Patient

10/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ALZHEIMERS

Loving memories often comfort those who deal with loss. When it comes to Alzheimer's disease, those memories become even more priceless. Most of us know that Alzheimer's eventually makes its victims forget who they are and forget those around them. But there's a lot that people don't know, such as the ages that this disease can strike.

3:10 – Package

Ron Budash – Alzheimer's caregiver

Dr. Augustus Kinzel – Geriatric psychiatrist

10/30/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ALZHEIMERS - GETTING LOST

One of the biggest concerns for caregivers is that their loved ones will get lost or wander away. There is a program available for their safety and your peace of mind.

:48 – Live

Mary Schroyer – Safe Return program

WJAC-TV provided a panel of medical and social counselors to man a phone bank and answer viewer question on this topic from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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10/31/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ALZHEIMERS

Alzheimer's disease is devastating for its victims and the people who love them. There is no handbook for caregivers. They are as much the victims as those who have the disease. While doctors search for a cure, caregivers also look for help.

4:11 – Package

Jo Thomas – Waking in memory of mom

Ron Budash – Alzheimer's caregiver

Kathleen Murray – Registered nurse

10/31/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LOCAL RESOURCES

The majority of these patients are cared for at home, 75 percent to be exact. It cost an average of 47,000 dollars a year to care for a Alzheimers patient at home. But that doesn't begin to quantify the intense emotional and spiritual drain. What are the local resources to help?

1:00 – Live

Dr. Augustus Kinzel – Geriatric psychiatrist

10/31/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

FINANCIAL ISSUES

There comes a time when an Alzheimers patient can no longer manage his or her affairs. Often there is no advance notice, the disease is unpredictable. A person whose cognitive problems seem mild may unexpectedly make irrational decisions with disastrous consequences. Legal documents should be executed while the person is still competent.

:50 – Live

Gary Horner – Attorney

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10/31/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

INACTIVE TEEN GIRLS

More kids than ever are overweight and at risk for serious health problems as they grow older. The risk seems to be greater for girls than boys. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:02 – Package

Tori Copeland – Age 16

Jon Crosby – Sports & Fitness trainer

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Nightly News

Thursday, October 3

Nightly News examines the prospects for this year's flu season. Before the flu hits, viewers need to know the new recommendations being made to vaccinate children. In addition, there's a big campaign underway to make sure older Americans are receiving their flu shots. Why?

Nightly News

Monday, October 7

Tonight on Nightly News, who is most at risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome? There's an important new study on what parents can do for their babies to help reduce the risks of SIDS.

Today

Thursday, October 10

On Today, Al Roker talks to Dr. Gail Saltz, a psychiatrist with the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, about anti-depressants. Dr. Saltz breaks down the different types of depression, warning signs, and how to tell someone is depressed, along with the different types of anti-depressants available for treatment, such as Paxil, Zoloft, and Prozac.

Today

Monday, October 14

On Today, Dr. Judith Reichman discusses things women need to know before going into surgery.

Nightly News

Tuesday, October 15

Tonight on Nightly News, there is a promising new blood test that could change the way prostate cancer is detected. There is important new health information for viewers.

Today

Wednesday, October 16

On Today, prescription drug spending for infants, children, and teens is at an all-time high, in fact, a recent study by Medco Health Solutions showed that parents are dishing out a ton of money on prescription drugs for their kids, 85% more money than they have spent in the last five years. Dr. Louis Cooper, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics discusses whether or not we are overmedicating our children.

Today

Tuesday, October 22

On Today, there's a look at the road to recovery and rehabilitation after breast cancer surgery.

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Today

Wednesday, October 23

On Today, as part of the continuing breast cancer series, Dr. Jeanne R. Petrek, a breast surgeon from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, discusses breast cancer in young women. How common is the disease in 20-30 year olds? Is it more aggressive in younger women? Are self exams the key to early diagnosis?

Nightly News

Wednesday, October 23

Tonight, Nightly News examines hormone replacement therapy. They look at the latest findings about how women should weigh the risks and benefits. Here's important information to help sort through the confusion of late.

Nightly News

Wednesday, October 30

Nightly News examines an exciting new study about mental development in the first few years of life. There's important new information about baby's memory.

Today

Wednesday, October 30

On Today, Ann Curry talks with Heidi Skolnick, nutritionist and contributing editor of Self Magazine about foods to fight breast cancer.

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Dr. Phil 10/02/02

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

From Cosmopolitan to Playboy, to commercials, the pressures and outside influences to have the perfect body are constantly drilled into teenagers' impressionable minds. Dr. Phil helps a teen who is so obsessed with plastic surgery that she's already planning her tucks, cuts, lifts, and enlargements. Dr. Phil helps her realize that self-esteem runs much deeper.

Show #: 1026 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Connecting With Kids 10/02/02

More kids than ever are abusing drugs that they find right in their own homes; over-the-counter cold tablets, prescription pills, and inhalants. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports four million Americans, ages twelve and older, are using over-the-counter and prescription medicine for nonmedical reasons. The greatest increase is among 12 to 17 year olds. Experts have three simple explanations for this explosion in abuse of legal drugs; easier access, a false sense that these drugs are safe, and a medicine mindset in this culture. Kids see adults around them taking medicine for every conceivable pain and sadness. Thus, it can be confusing for kids when their parents simply tell them, "Don't use drugs." The conversation now need to be much more complex, with a message that says medicine can be very helpful when it is prescribed by a doctor/But uncontrolled self-medication never works and can actually kill you.

Show #: Lethal Drugs, Lethal Highs Syndicator: Connecting With Kids Network

Dr. Phil 10/10/02

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

We are all scared of something, but rarely do our anxieties cripple us to the point we can't function. Some people are paralyzed by fear and it can have harmful effects on their lives. Dr. Phil deals with a variety of phobias.

Show #: 1021 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil 10/18/02

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Addiction, it's a disastrous condition that takes on other forms besides drugs and alcohol. Addictive behaviors serve a purpose, and to get these habits under control, one must know the real reason behind them. Dr. Phil helps show guests realize the issues driving their compulsive behaviors.

Show #: 1038 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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Dr. Phil **10/31/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Anorexia and bulimia are affecting children of very young ages. These are self destructive behaviors that require professional attention. Dr. Phil reveals the illogical thinking behind the behavior, the the self-esteem issues, and the warning signs.

Show #: 1062 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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11/01/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jamie John

NURSING SHORTAGE / EDUCATION

Would you choose a career if your training was paid for? That's exactly what the state is hoping for. They'll help you pay for higher education. In return, you help them try to put an end to the nursing shortage. Jamie John reports on the new "forgiveness" program.

1:30 - Package

Joanne Miller - Conemaugh's Nursing School

Sue Long - Nursing student

Eva Meyer - Nursing student

11/01/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sanjay Gupta

WORK-RELATED STRESS

Do you feel like your job is killing you? Sanjay Gupta shows you that, when it comes to workplace stress, not all jobs are created equal.

1:48 - Package

Dr. Charles Raison - Emory Mind-Body program

11/01/02, 6 PM, Friday Jamie John

CHILDREN AND DIABETES

The number of children diagnosed with diabetes is growing at an alarming rate, and in Pennsylvania, the disease affects more than a half million kids. Doctors say that many don't know they have the disease, and parents don't recognize the warning signs. Jamie John reports.

1:33 - Package

Ashley Weinzierl - Diagnosed with diabetes

Nancy Johncola - Diabetes educator

11/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE INTERNATIONAL

A conference promoting special hospice care for children is underway in Windber. Each year, children die without the healing emotional support of hospice. Now political leaders, including Congressman John Murtha are working to change that. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:40 - Package

Mattie Stepanek - Author

Beth Westbrook - victim's mom

Ann Armstrong-Dailey - CEO Children's Hospice

11/04/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Ed Yeates

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

Doctors in Utah have come up with a new way to save money and spend more time with their patients. It's by tossing their paperwork out the window. The pilot program is catching some national attention along with the approval of doctors nationwide. Ed Yeates reports.

2:27 - Package

Michael Stapley - Desert Mutual Benefit Ad.

Carvel Whiting - Intermountain Health Care

Diane Hansen - Billing Office coordinator

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11/04/02, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

SODA OVERLOAD

What is your fridge stocked with? As Lisa Stofko reports, too much soda can be a problem for your kids.

1:55 – Package

Dr. Robert Perez – Middle school principal

11/06/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Diana Gonzalez

SAFEGUARDING OXYCONTIN

Oxycontin is a powerful prescription pain killer that is highly addictive and deadly. It is one that has been the focus of a lot of controversy and concern. Lawmakers and drug manufacturer's are banding together to fight its misuse. Diana Gonzalez reports on a plan to safeguard oxycontin.

1:08 – Package

Zachariah Zachariah – Fl. Board of Medicine

Howard Udell – Purdue Pharma

11/07/02, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

DRUG MIXES

Natural remedies are getting more popular. Last year alone, Americans spent 16 billion dollars on herbal supplements. That raises concerns as doctors warn that mixing herbs and prescription drugs can be dangerous. Sophia Wharton has more on what you should watch for in the Channel 6 News Special report.

2:08 – Package

Judy Browne – Uses herbal medicines

Dr. Sally Dick – Herbal practitioner

Wanda Grambling – Manager, Wellness Store

11/07/02, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

HIV TEST

The FDA has approved a new blood test. Health officials say it can detect HIV antibodies in less than half an hour. As Helen Chickering reports, health officials hope the chance for a quick answer will convince more Americans to get tested.

1:15 – Package

Dr. Murray Lumpkin – FDA

11/11/02, 5 / 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

AORTIC ABDOMINAL ANEURYSMS

Aortic abdominal aneurysms are the 13th leading cause of death in the United States. But as Sara Burget reports, a breakthrough surgical procedure is giving patients a new lease on life.

1:59 – Package

Dr. James Tretter – Vascular surgeon

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

11/12/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

KNEE SURGERY

Many Americans face knee replacement surgery. But one area hospital says patients should think about getting both knees done at once. As Sara Burget reports, the procedure results in a big life quality change.

2:17 – Package

Dr. J. Michael Moses – Orthopedic surgeon

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11/12/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

HELP PICKING A NURSING HOME

Choosing a nursing home for your parents or a loved one is a difficult task. If they live in another state, your job is even more complicated. Now, a new government website provides information on almost every nursing home in the nation. Mark Allen reports.

1:08 – Package

Pat Konhaus – Johnstown Lutheran Home

11/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

BREAST SURGERY

Sara Burget takes us inside the operating room where a breast cancer patient has a double mastectomy and then reconstructive surgery. And while any surgery has risks, a mastectomy is by far easier to bear than the procedures of a decade ago.

1:34 – Package

Dr. Gerard Garguilo – surgeon

Michelle Callihan – Breast cancer survivor

11/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MAKING DECISIONS

How do you decide to see a doctor for plastic or reconstructive surgery?

::45 – Live

Dr. Daniel Nevarre – Surgeon

WJAC, in cooperation with Conemaugh Health System, supplied a phone bank of health professionals to take viewer questions about plastic and reconstructive surgery from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

11/14/02, 5 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

TEENS AND SEX

Having sex at a young age can have some very bad long-range effects on the lives of teenagers. Sophia Wharton asked local teens some tough questions about sex. Then she went to Dr. Phil who has some even tougher answers.

2:05 – Package

Dr. Phil McGraw – TV show host

11/14/02, 5 PM, Thursday Amy Bradley

TEENS AND SEX / HEALTH

With more on the health impact that sex can have on a teen, including pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, we are joined live by Conemaugh Health System representative Amy Bradley.

:40 – Live

Patty Pajak – Nurse midwife

11/14/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Amy Bradley

PARENTS ADVICE

Talking to your kids about sex can leave a lot of parents nervous and uneasy. With more on how our area compares with the rest of the country, here's Amy Bradley.

:38 – Live

Susan Nash – Registered nurse

11/14/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STRESSED OUT

Sick of your job? Sick of running around? Maybe all the pressure is actually making you sick. Americans identify stress as their number one health concern. Scientific evidence shows that too much negative stress in our lives can actually lead to a cold or even the flu.

2:30 – Package

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11/15/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

The American Lung Association is teaching people how to help others quit smoking. At a local workshop, they showed that people can help others develop individualized plans for quitting the addictive behavior.

:38 – SOT/VO

Destiny Myers – American Lung Association

11/15/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Diana Gonzalez

WEST NILE VIRUS

This year's West Nile scare has raised questions about the safety of the nation's blood supply, especially after two people got the virus through transfusions. Researchers are now testing a possible solution, sterilizing blood. Diana Gonzalez looks at the process, which is still a few years off from becoming a reality.

1:23 – Package

William Spotnitz – Thoracic surgeon

11/18/02, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

HORMONE THERAPY

It is a fact of life that women lack hormones once they reach menopause. Many decide to take hormone replacement therapy. But a study out this summer scared many women into thinking HRT can cause cancer. Then another study said just the opposite. Confused? Sara Burget sorts it all out.

2:09 – Package

Dr. Delbert Yoder – Obstetrician

11/18/02, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

According to the State Health Department, 28 per cent of all tobacco products sold last year went to minors. That number dropped this year to 14 per cent. But health officials want to do better. Mark Allen reports.

1:00 – Package

Carl Brown – Somerset County sheriff

Traci Hirsch – Somerset Program Manager

11/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

HORMONE THERAPY PART 2

Part 2 of our series "Hormone Replacement Therapy" is a look at the benefits and risks. Does one outweigh the other? What should every woman know? Here's Sara Burget.

2:40 – Package

Dr. Delbert Yoder – Obstetrician

WJAC provided a phone bank staffed with health professionals to take viewer calls and answer questions about hormone replacement therapy. The phone bank was open 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

11/19/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Linda Ciampa

KICKING THE HABIT

Smokers who want to kick the habit will get some help this week. Thursday is the Great American Smokeout. As Linda Ciampa reports, it's getting easier than ever to increase your chances of quitting with a little help.

1:54 – Package

Cliff Wessling – Ex-smoker

Dr. Corrine Husten – CDC

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11/19/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

TEEN PREGNANCY

Each year hundreds of girls in our area become teen mothers. A group of leaders in Maryland focused today on how to help these young people get ahead and as Sophia Wharton reports, a program in our area is getting their attention.

1:14 – Package

Dr. Carole Sarlouis – Psychologist

11/19/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

BRANDING DEBATE

An old tradition from the Midwest has become a new trend. Branding is now considered the latest craze in body art. It involves heating metal and leaving the impression of it on the skin through a third degree burn. Natasha McBroom reports on why this practice is causing such controversy in Center County.

1:38 – Package

Chris Prybyla – Body Modification artist

Tom Daubert – Borough council member

11/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

HORMONE THERAPY PART 3

Part 3 of our series "Hormone Replacement Therapy" is a look at what's involved in taking hormone replacement and how long you should take the therapy. Here's Sara Burget.

1:25 – Package

Dr. Delbert Yoder – Obstetrician

WJAC provided a phone bank staffed with health professionals to take viewer calls and answer questions about hormone replacement therapy. The phone bank was open 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

11/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

TEEN SMOKING

Tobacco use among teenagers is growing. But students from across Western Pennsylvania are trying to change that. Dave Zafris reports on the Altoona Youth Tobacco Conference where kids think that urging their friends to kick the habit may be the best way to stop that trend.

1:35 – Package

Sherry Gioiosa – Anti-smoking activist

Ashley Curry – Urges friends to stop

Jeremy Beemiller – Bedford High School

Crystal Keller – Urges friends to stop

11/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

It's a growing problem in Pennsylvania, doctors are forced to leave the state because they can't afford medical malpractice insurance. So the governor elect is already busy making good on his campaign promise to address this problem.

:45 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – Governor elect

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11/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

Great American Smokeout

Today is the Great American Smokeout, when smokers ban together and quit for good. But what happens if they need help and support after today? Pennsylvania has offered the answer to that question by joining nine other states in an anonymous phone counseling service. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:30 – Package

April Sherry – American Cancer Society

Angela Gieger – Quitline Project

11/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

Students in the area are also working to snuff out smoking. Kids from the Johnstown High School took that message to students at West Side Elementary in hopes that the younger crowd would listen to older students.

Stephanie Caramello – Johnstown sophomore

11/21/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

TELEMONITORING

Having a nurse come to your home for medical care is necessary for some people. But it can be expensive. Now there's a machine that is taking the place of that nurse, but will this new technology be beneficial for the patient? Sara Burget reports.

1:36 – Package

Harry Irwin – Patient

Amy Burke – Registered nurse

11/22/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

KIDS & OBESITY

A much publicized lawsuit against McDonald's claims the food giant is responsible for causing dangerous childhood obesity. While that decision sits in the hands of a U.S. District judge in New York, Sophia Wharton looks at what parents here can do to help their kids keep off the pounds.

1:22 – Package

Eileen Fiorina – Dietician, Conemaugh

Al Bru – President, Frito Lay

11/25/02, 6 PM, Monday Alison Burn

VACCINE DEBATE

A major study out this month in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that there's no link between the skyrocketing cases of autism and the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. But the issue is far from over for some doctors and parents who are convinced their kids became ill only after getting vaccinated. Alison Burns reports.

2:20 – Package

Dr. Jeff Bradstreet – Family physician

Dr. Neil Halsey – John Hopkins University

Rep. Dave Weldon – (R) Florida

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11/25/02, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

ADHD SIDE EFFECTS

Millions of kids take powerful medicines to treat attention disorders. Now lawmakers in Washington say doctors aren't doing enough to tell families about the side effects these medicines may have. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:05 – Package

Donna Dinapoli – Mother

Steve Hinshaw – Psychology Professor

11/28/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

CANCER VACCINE

Researchers are looking at a new cancer vaccine. But their study isn't about preventing the disease, rather stimulating a patient's own immune system to fight cancer that has already developed.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dr. Sandra Franco – Oncologist

11/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

ACID REFLUX

Holiday heartburn might be more than just a stuffed stomach. Dave Zafris reports it might be a serious condition.

1:39 – Package

Dr. D'Arcy Duke – Conemaugh Hospital

11/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

This time of year can trigger depression in some people. New research has been added to the growing evidence that depression can be a deadly health threat, especially among the elderly. Helen Chickering reports.

:36 – Package

11/29/02, 5 PM, Friday Jane Watrel

AIDS AWARENESS

Forty two million people around the world are living with Aids. A new campaign has begun to fight Aids apathy and raise awareness about the epidemic which seems to have taken a back seat to terrorism and the possibility of war. Jane Watrel reports on why the campaign is important.

1:16 – Package

Tim Wirth – UN Foundation

Dr. Mary Klotman – Mt. Sinai

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Nightly News

Friday, November 1

Nightly News examines teenage girls and fitness. Many don't exercise, and doctors say that could have serious health implications down the road. However, parents and educators can help.

Nightly News

Wednesday, November 6

Tonight on Nightly News, there are many questions about a possible link between autism and vaccines. A new case study clears up the confusion. Important information for parents about their children's health is in this report.

Nightly News

Monday, November 11

Lifeline: Health Insurance Part 1....RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COST INCREASES

Correspondent: Anne Thompson

Tens of thousands of retirees are being notified by their former employers that their health insurance premiums are going up significantly. For people on a fixed income, this can mean more than two-thousand dollars of unanticipated expenses every year -- a significant blow to the financial well-being of many retirees. We examine whether this is symptomatic of a sluggish economy, or a fundamental shift in the way companies are treating former employees.

Nightly News

Tuesday, November 12

Nightly News examines experimental surgery. Are health insurance companies risking patients' lives by denying coverage for new procedures?

Nightly News

Tuesday, November 12

Lifeline: Health Insurance Part 2.....COVERAGE DENIED: EXPERIMENTAL SURGERIES

Correspondent: Jim Avila

Experimental surgeries. Health insurance companies sometimes deny coverage because they argue a procedure is experimental. Later, many experimental procedures become common. We look at a promising experimental procedure. Are patients in danger because insurance companies are behind the curve?

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Nightly News

Wednesday, November 13

Tonight, Nightly News looks at health insurance scams. The government says they are widespread and getting worse. Who are the most common targets and what do you need to know to protect yourself?

Nightly News

Wednesday, November 13

Lifeline: Health Insurance Part 3.....HEALTH INSURANCE SCAMS: A RISING TREND

Correspondent: Kerry Sanders

With health insurance premiums soaring and tens of millions of people STILL without insurance, the government says health insurance scams are out of control. The U.S. Department of Labor has initiated 102 civil cases and 17 criminal cases against alleged scammers. Typically, the targets are small businesses that find it hard to afford policies for their employees and individuals who work for companies that don't offer coverage.

Nightly News

Thursday, November 14

Tonight on Nightly News, an exciting new study finds that there may be a way for doctors to detect heart disease. Improvements in cardiac care could help you live longer.

Nightly News

Thursday, November 14

Your Money: Selling Homeland Security

Correspondent: Fred Francis

One analyst calls it a feeding frenzy: Companies lobbying for a piece of the homeland security pie, which amounts to billions of dollars. Companies that were on the brink of bankruptcy are now flush with cash. We take a look at what's going on here.

Nightly News

Friday, November 15

Lifeline: Robotic Surgery

Correspondent: Robert Bazell

Many doctors see robots playing a big role in the operating rooms of the future. Already surgeons are using them experimentally for common operations like gall bladder removal and more complex procedures including heart surgery. The computerized equipment allows the surgeon to use the tiniest instruments with great precision from a computer panel that can be across the room -- or even across the country. Because the instruments are so tiny, the incision is smaller and the patient recovers far more quickly, often with fewer side effects than with traditional surgery. We give you an insider's look at the technology.

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Nightly News

Friday, November 15

Tonight on Nightly News, in breast cancer detection. What contributes to a woman's risk for developing the disease?

Nightly News

Wednesday, November 20

Tonight on Nightly News, there's been an exciting new breakthrough in the fight against cervical cancer, a disease that kills thousands of women each year.

Today

Friday, November 22

Most children experience some sort of stomach ache at one time or another. But determining when that pain warrants a call to the doctor can be a challenge. As part of the continuing series, "TODAY's Family," Pediatrician and TODAY contributor Dr. Mark Widome helps out with tips for parents and other caregivers.

Today

Friday, November 22

TODAY medical contributor Dr. Judith Reichman talks about insulin resistance. Dr. Reichman will talk about why this syndrome occurs and what we can do to prevent its dire consequences.

Nightly News

Monday, November 25

It's a combination that's not rare, lung cancer and non-smokers. This disease kills over 100 thousand non smokers each year and yet the situation gets only a fraction of the research funds. Why?

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Dr. Phil **11/5/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Every time you lose your temper, you may be slowly killing yourself. This show looks at road rage, sports rage, even grocery store rage. Dr. Phil provides an explanation for this growing epidemic and counseling on anger management.

Show #: 1070 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **11/27/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil debates the battle of the bulge. Is obesity a matter of lifestyle? Or is society biased against fat people? Are there no excuses? The attitude on fat is very controversial and Dr. Phil looks at the whole debate.

Show #: 1080 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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12/2/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

FAT CONTENT

Everywhere you look, you see products that say they're either low fat or no-fat. So why are we struggling with our weight more than ever? Doctors say that it's not the fat we should look at, it's the calories.

:44 – SOT/VO

Dr. Robert Kushner – Internal Medicine

Dr. Jeanette Keith – Gastroenterologist

12/2/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

MEN & BREAST CANCER

If you were asked who gets breast cancer, you'd probably say women. But the correct answer is both men and women. Dr. Max Gomez reports on how the disease affects men.

1:36 – Package

Richard Roundtree – Breast cancer survivor

Dr. Michael Osborne – Oncologist

12/2/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Colleen Williams

SELF-MUTILATION

We all handle stress and anxiety differently. But sometimes the way people cope with their problems can be dangerous, even life threatening. Colleen Williams reports on self-mutilation among teens.

3:29 – Package

Kevin Staker – Father

Marisa Staker – student

Andrew Levander – The Healing House

12/3/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Julia Schulhof

ADHD STUDY

Children who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are given medication to calm their symptoms. Now researchers say those kids' have a smaller than average brain. As Julie Schulhof reports, this news has scientists looking into whether the medicine is to blame.

1:30 – Package

Sheri Cartlidge – Nicholas' Mom

Dr. Xavier Castellanos – Child Study Center

12/3/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

TEEN DEPRESSION

National Health experts estimate that 8 percent of teenagers and two percent of children have symptoms of depression. Only 1 in 5 are treated. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:18 – Package

Leanna – Age 13

Anthony Greene – Age 12

Rudy Kalain – Therapist

12/3/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

FLU SHOTS

The bitterly cold weather has arrived and the flu is not far behind. Doctors want to remind you that it is not too late to get your flu shot.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Sandy Ergas – Emergency Dept. Director

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12/4/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Janet Wu

BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer diagnosed in women. Right now, researchers are testing a drug that may one day prevent that disease from ever developing. Janet Wu has more on this important trial in the war against cancer.

1:13 – Package

Dr. Judy Garber – Oncologist

12/4/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Doreen Gentzler

PAIN MEDICINE

When you have an ache or pain, many Americans reach for an over-the-counter pain reliever to the tune of 3 billion dollars a year. Drug store shelves are filled with lots of different brands, making the choice of the right one a bit overwhelming. Doreen Gentzler has information on which product if for what.

2:42 – Package

Dr. Lee Ann Rhodes – Pain Management Specialist

12/5/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. David Marks

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

We all feel tired in the morning, at least once in a while. But there's a condition where that feeling just won't go away, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Doctors think it is psychological, but there's new evidence that may change their minds. Dr. David Marks reports.

2:02 – Package

Eileen Holderman – Chronic fatigue patient

Dr. Susan Levine – Immunologist

Larry Katzenstein – Smithsonian Magazine

12/5/02, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SHOVELING SNOW

Shoveling is a must after a snowfall, but it could affect your health. If done improperly, it could cause temporary, and sometimes permanent damage.

:36 – SOT/VO

Dr. Kimberly Trainer – Centre County Chiropractic

12/5/02, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Max Gomez

HERB INTERACTIONS

Millions of people take herbs, vitamins, and supplements to maintain health and treat disease. Most believe that natural equals safe, but that is a dangerous assumption. Finding out which ones may cause problems or interactions has been nearly impossible, but as Max Gomez reports, a new website may be just what is needed.

1:50 – Package

Barrie Cassileth – Medicine Specialist

12/6/02, 5 PM, Friday Jamie John

KNEE SURGERY

Technological advances in medicine continue to lengthen and improve lives. One of those advances has made it here to West central Pennsylvania and it could help you to become more active. Jamie John reports on knee unispacer surgery.

1:50 – Package

Gwynn Cahagen – Unispacer patient

Brian Gunnlaugson – Surgeon

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12/6/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. David Marks

TONING WITHOUT EXERCISE

Imagine toning your muscles without having to exercise. That's the claim behind a new therapy that some people are using to help them slim down. The therapy uses electrical muscle stimulation to lift and tighten sagging muscles. But does it really work? Dr. David Marks reports.

2:08 - Package

Sinay McLaine - EMS Client

Sarah Dolgen - EMS therapist

Dr. Michael Kelly - Orthopedic surgeon

12/9/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BRAIN DAMAGE/DRINKING

Underage drinking is a problem all across the United States. But now a new study shows the effect that is has on your child and that effect is permanent. The memory and learning area of the brain is 10% smaller in drinking adolescents than non-drinkers.

:51 - SOT/VO

Dr. J. Edward Hill - American Medical Association

12/9/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

HERBAL TEA DANGERS

Herbal tea is to have healing effects on the body. But how you use it and what you mix it with are the keys to staying healthy. Some combinations can be really bad for you.

:41 - SOT/VO

Don Castor - Teashop owner

12/9/02, 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

CLARATIN

A drug that helps people fight allergies is now less expensive and easier to get. Claratin might soon be flying off the shelves. Dave Zafris reports.

1:27 - Package

12/9/02, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

ONLINE THERAPY

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, between 10 and 15 percent of teenagers are depressed. Some kids and their parents are turning to cyberspace for an alternative approach to traditional therapy. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:01 - Package

Peter Chechele - Online therapist

12/10/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Jane Watrel

REDUCING BLOOD CLOTS

Over half a million Americans go under the knife for hip or knee replacements every year. One serious side effect doctors have to look for is blood clots. As Jane Watrel reports, a promising new blood thinner might reduce that life-threatening risk.

1:13 - Package

Ralph Squire - Clinical trial patient

Dr. Charles Francis - In charge of study

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12/10/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

TEENS & ALCOHOL

If they drink, your teens could be doing more harm to their developing brain than originally thought. That is the conclusion of the American Medical Association. Alcohol takes a greater toll on the development of people under the age of 21 than any other age group.

:43 - SOT/VO

Mary Ann Bowman - Teen advocate

12/12/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr Max Gomez

CANCER VACCINES

Measles, mumps, rubella, even small pox and polio have been conquered by vaccinations. Now doctors are working to use vaccines against cancer. Hopefully, they will keep cancer from recurring in patients who already have it. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

2:12 - Package

Jill Torney PhD - Cancer Research Institute

Dr. Susan Slovin - Oncologist

Dr. Nasser Altorki - Thoracic surgeon

Elena Scambio - Cancer vaccine patient

12/16/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Tom Hopkins

HEART DISEASE

How much do you know about women's health? What is the leading cause of death for women? It may not be what you think. Doctor Tom Hopkins asked around to see if women are getting the correct information.

1:36 - Package

Dr. Peter Murphy - Pulmonary medicine

12/18/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Doreen Gentzler

HRT REPLACEMENT

When research last summer showed that the combination of estrogen and progestin caused a small but real increase in breast cancer and heart disease, many women stopped hormone replacement therapy. So what is in the future for HRT? Doreen Gentzler reports.

2:38 - Package

Dr. Jim Simon - OB/GYN

Donna Landis - Research director

Judy Meredith Smith - Had a hysterectomy

12/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NEW COMBO OF SHOTS

There soon will be fewer screams in the pediatrician's office thanks to a new vaccine that promises to cut out six painful shots for babies. It's called pediarix and combines everything in one injection.

:42 - SOT/VO

Dr. Jack Barto - Pediatrician

12/19/02, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

HOLIDAY POUNDS

Before you indulge in yet another Christmas cookie, consider this. Researchers have determined that half of all the weight you gain during the course of a year comes during the holidays. So it only makes sense that New Year's resolutions to lose weight are popular. Few succeed. Now experts say, don't wait till New Years to start. Sara Burget explains.

1:53 - Package

Shannon Fraizer - Has lost 86 pounds

Shirley Kindrick - Nutritionist

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12/23/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

TREATMENT WITH DRUGS

New drugs can be lifesavers, but what if that drug costs thousands of dollars per dose? Hospitals can't afford to give everyone the most expensive drug therapy. So how do they decide who gets what? As Dr. Max Gomez reports, you'll be shocked.

2:23 - Package

Robert Lieberman - Sepsis patient

Dr. Mitchell Levy - Internal medicine

12/24/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

MEDICAL CONTROVERSIES

Small pox vaccine decisions, hysteria over hormone therapy, and worry over disease-carrying mosquitoes, deli meat and cruise ships are stories that not only stirred fear but controversy. Helen Chickering looks at what came from the debates.

3:01 - Package

Jesse Goodman - Food & Drug Administration

Jacques Rossouw - Heart, Lung, & Blood Inst.

12/26/02, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

SEA SLUGS AND CANCER

Scientists say that sea slugs may hold the key to battling certain types of cancer. The slimy ocean critters have a protein that may help boost the immune system in people. Helen Chickering reports.

:52 - Package

Dr. Sherif Farag - Cancer researcher

12/27/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

HUMAN CLONING

Claims that the first human has been cloned are being met with more skepticism than science. A controversial company says it has cloned a baby girl. But they have offered no proof. Helen Chickering reports.

1:53 - Package

Brigette Boissellier - Clonaid Corp CEO

George Annas - Cloning expert

12/30/02, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Currently Pennsylvania has the highest premiums in malpractice insurance for doctors in the nation. With continually rising rates, many doctors are forced to close their doors to patients. Now the State has issued a warning to doctors, telling them that they must give patients enough notice to find alternative care or face legal ramifications.

:49 - SOT/VO

Dr. J. Michael Moses - Orthopedic surgeon

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Nightly News

Tuesday, December 3

Nightly News examines robotic surgery. Exciting new technology is helping patients in the operating room. A machine could save your life. When will it be available in your hospital?

Nightly News

Wednesday, December 4

Nightly News examines medical mistakes. An alarming study finds that 7,000 Americans die each year due to medicine-related errors. What should people know before they have medical procedures?

Nightly News

Friday, December 6

Nightly News examines the small pox vaccine. A government study of healthy Americans resulted in more side effects than expected. What does this mean for a nationwide inoculation and each individual's decision?

Nightly News

Monday, December 9

Nightly News examines why a dangerous sleep disorder goes largely undiagnosed. There are 18 million sufferers looking for a good night's sleep. How can they find it?

Today

Tuesday, December 10

Chief science correspondent Robert Bazell talks about minimally invasive surgery, a new set of techniques that could drastically change the way medicine is practiced.

Nightly News

Thursday, December 12

Nightly News examines a breakthrough in breast cancer treatment. A promising new study finds ways for chemotherapy to be more effective. What are the risks?

Nightly News

Monday, December 16

Nightly News examines teen smoking. A fruit-flavored cigarette from India is gaining in popularity. But there are significant dangers. Nightly News offers important medical information.

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Today

Friday, December 20

As part of the continuing series, "TODAY's family" a look at hearing loss in infants, one of the most common birth defects in the United States.

Dateline

Friday, December 27

What do you do when your medical bills have glaring errors and bogus charges? Dateline's hidden cameras find out just how difficult it can be to fix medical bill mistakes. NBC's Lea Thompson reports.

Nightly News

Friday, December 27

Nightly News examines the human cloning debate. There's a report on the company that claims to have produced the first human clone. Is it ground-breaking science or illegal experimentation?

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Dr. Phil **12/2/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Food is an American obsession. If you are sick and tired of battling your weight, Dr. Phil gives the cold hard truth about why people can't keep pounds off. He examines people who use food as a comfort provider and explains how to program yourself for weight loss.

Show #: 1019 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **12/4/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Internal dialogue is as important as the conversations you have with other people. To improve your self esteem, you have to improve what you tell yourself. Dr. Phil gives the danger signs to look for when you're living up to the harmful labels you place on yourself and how important self esteem is to mental health.

Show #: 1199 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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10/04/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

CD PLAYERS

If you've been thinking about buying a portable CD player, this is a good time. Prices have been dropping. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at which ones perform the best.

1:20 – Package

Jean James D'Alessandro – Portable CD user

10/07/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

MULTI-SPORT HELMETS

Kids today are in all kinds of sports, from biking to in-line skating, scootering and skateboarding. Now there are new bicycle helmets called skate-style helmets which are being marketed to more aggressive bike riders. Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson checked them out to see if your kids can actually use the helmets for more than one sport, saving you money.

1:19 – Package

10/08/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Roseanne Colletti

BUYING A CAR

Those end-of-the-year clearances may have some of you looking into getting a new car. But should you buy new or used? Roseanne Colletti shows you how cheap credit is affecting the car market and your purchasing decision.

1:50 – Package

Mark Schienberg – Automobile Dealers Assoc.

Jerry Cox – Used car dealer

Joe Phillippi – Auto Industry watcher

10/09/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

FLAT SCREEN MONITORS – RIGHT FOR YOUR PC?

Prices of flat panel computer monitors have dropped by half, and so sales have doubled. But you'll still pay more than you would for a regular monitor. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson looked at nine, to see if they're worth the extra money.

1:29 – Package

Alex Elmi – Builds computer monitors

10/10/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Regina Lewis

SPAM CRACKDOWN

If you surf the net, you may have noticed your inbox filling up with more spam. But the federal government and some internet companies are cracking down on the junk mail. As Regina Lewis reports, they're offering help for consumers.

1:36 – Package

JoAnne Huls – Computer user

Brian Huseman – FTC Attorney

Carl Hultzer – America On-Line

10/11/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

TOILET TEST

It's one important piece of bathroom equipment, and they can be expensive. So which toilet seat will stand the test of time? Channel 6's Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson compared price with just how well they worked.

1:12 – Package

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10/11/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

BEWARE OF BUGBEAR

Don't open your e-mail just yet. A new virus called the bugbear virus is infecting computers through e-mail, making it easier for hackers to steal your password, credit card, and other personal information. Eileen Teves reports.

Ryan McCracken – Computer technician

10/14/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Chris Clackum

MEAT RECALL

A massive meat recall has grocery stores and a meat processing company scrambling. The fear is that the meat may be contaminated with a potentially deadly bacteria. Chris Clackum reports.

1:32 – Package

10/14/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

DISPOSABLE MOPS

There are lots of disposable products. Now you can buy disposable mops. No more buckets and no more dirty water. Just mop your floor and throw away the cleaning pad. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson tested two that are heavily advertised to see just how well they work.

1:27 – Package

10/16/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

ORGANIC FOODS

The day that organic food lovers have been waiting for is almost here. On Monday, new regulations governing organic food take effect, causing big changes for chefs, farmers, and consumers. Helen Chickering has details.

1:05 – Package

10/17/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Roseanne Colletti

FREQUENT FLYER MILES

For over a year now, many of the nation's airlines have been having problems making ends meet. But can those financial troubles cost you in air-miles? Should you fly or stand firm. Roseanne Colletti reports.

1:38 – Package

Ronnie Roka – Kiplinger's Personal Fin

10/18/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

FOOD CLAIMS

Food manufacturers and marketers are trying to catch our attention using all kinds of health claims such as "it's good for your heart," or "it may help prevent cancer." Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson looks at some of these claims to see how they hold up.

1:28 – Package

Ronnie Sandroff – Consumer Reports

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10/22/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

NO MORE PA READING

You can't call them and they can't ask you to. If you owe them money, you may not have to pay them. Pennsylvania has hung up on the Psychic Friends Network, and it won't be able to get back nearly four million dollars in discounted charges. Attorney General Mike Fisher says a lawsuit against the network has been settled. Jamie John is live with more.

:58 – Package

:11 – Live

E. Barry Creany – Senior Deputy Attorney General

10/23/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

THE JEANS

Blue Jeans are an 11 billion dollar business. Some designer jeans go for over \$200. But no matter how much you spend, you want your jeans to fit. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to size up the different brands and see how to get the best fit.

1:32 – Package

Pat Slaven – Consumer Reports

10/25/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

LIQUID BANDAGES

If you've ever scraped a knuckle or cut a toe, you know how hard it is to bandage those tough spots. Two companies are now advertising a solution, liquid bandages. Channel 6's Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to see if they live up to their claims.

1:12 – Package

10/28/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

SHOE INSOLES

Any shoe can lose its bounce over time, as insoles flatten. You may think that the only answer is to buy a new pair but that can be expensive. Consumer Reports has discovered something that can put the spring back in your step and saves you money. Becky Thompson reports.

1:29 – Package

Pam Campana – Aerobics instructor

Harv Ebel – Consumer Reports

10/29/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

FUEL EFFICIENCY

The Environmental Protection Agency is out with its annual fuel-efficiency survey of the nation's newest cars, trucks, minivans, and SUV's. Overall, it finds the 2003 models average fewer miles per gallon than predecessors. Beverly Kirk reports.

1:41 – Package

Deryl Pearson – Chevrolet Sales Manager

Christie Todd Whitman – EPA Administrator

Ron DeFore – CVC Director

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10/30/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

VEGGIE BURGERS

Veggie burgers have gone mainstream. Burger King has them on the menu, and McDonalds is trying them out in their chains in Canada. Sales are way up for frozen veggie burgers that you can cook at home. But which ones are the best for you and still taste good? Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson checked them out.

1:23 - Package

10/31/02, 11 PM, Thursday Beverly Kirk

ENERGY COSTS

Americans can expect to pay more to keep warm this winter. The Energy Department says natural gas, heating oil, and electricity costs are all expected to rise sharply. Beverly Kirk reports.

1:30 - Package

Guy Caruso - Energy Department

David Fox - Home Energy Assistance

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Today

Tuesday, October 1

On Today, Money Magazine provides information in the series, "The Great American Wealth Test." No matter what your age or how the economy is doing, there are constant basic financial principles that can be turned to again and again so you can have a grip on your finances. Today's topic is "What do you know about financial planning?"

Today

Wednesday, October 2

On Today, Money Magazine provides information in the series, "The Great American Wealth Test." No matter what your age or how the economy is doing, there are constant basic financial principles that can be turned to again and again so you can have a grip on your finances. Today's topic is "What do you know about investing?"

Today

Thursday, October 3

On Today, Money Magazine provides information in the series, "The Great American Wealth Test." No matter what your age or how the economy is doing, there are constant basic financial principles that can be turned to again and again so you can have a grip on your finances. Today's topic is "What do you know about protecting your future?"

Today

Friday, October 11

Whether you're looking to buy a new home or just want to refinance your current one, now may be the best time as mortgage rates continue to decline to record lows. Financial editor Jean Chatzky discusses what the drop in mortgage rates can mean for consumers.

Dateline

Sunday, October 13

Dateline's hidden cameras reveal how to avoid becoming the victim of computer sales schemes. With so many ads featuring top, name-brand computers at unbelievably low prices, Dateline went undercover to investigate. Do consumers get what they came for? Or do they face a hard pressure sell for something far different? Lea Thompson reports.

Dateline

Sunday, October 13

We buy insurance for peace of mind to cover our homes, our health, and our lives. More than 46 million Americans have disability insurance to help replace lost income in case of a serious illness or injury. If you can't work, those benefits may be crucial for you and your family. But what if suddenly, your benefits were cut off . . . unexpectedly? In a Dateline investigation, John Larson examines some startling charges against the biggest disability insurance provider in the country.

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Today

Wednesday, October 23

Choosing a cell phone plan has become ever more complicated even though the cost of using a cell phone has gone down. Today's financial editor, Jean Chatzky, discusses tips for finding the best cell phone plan for you and your family.

Today

Thursday, October 24

Phil Lempert discusses the truth behind organic foods - what organic actually means, the benefits and costs to the consumer, and the USDA's new organic regulation system.

Dateline

Sunday, October 27

They may be the three most dreaded words in the English language: "Some Assembly Required." The Good Housekeeping Institute usually evaluated products, but this time it decided to rate product assembly manuals, claiming they're often too confusing. Dateline watched an engineer who puts together products for a living and a Good Housekeeping writer attempting to assemble products. Lea Thompson reports on how they fared.

Nightly News

Wednesday, October 30

Tonight on Nightly News, it seems like many consumer goods are on sale these days. Is it a boon for bargain hunters, and what does it mean for the economy?

Nightly News

Thursday, October 31

Tonight on Nightly News, how do you keep your home heating costs from soaring this year? The government is predicting that prices will skyrocket, so how can you protect your pocketbook and stay warm this season?

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11/06/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

With the stock market downturn, there is a lot of talk that real estate is the safest place for your money. It's estimated that Americans spend about 180 billion dollars every year on remodeling their homes. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson reports on if expensive remodeling is really worth it.

1:05 – Package

11/08/02, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DO NOT CALL LIST

Most Pennsylvanians dislike those telemarketer calls, and that's why they've registered for the state's new "Do not call" list. But does having your name on the list mean the calls will stop? Legitimate business people honor the requests of consumers who don't want to be called, but as you are about to see, where there is a will and a scam, there is a way.

2:58 – Package

Darlene Kay Peeling – Telemarketing victim

Bart Chamberlain – Illegal telemarketer

Barry Creany – Consumer Protection

11/12/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AUTO INJURY CLAIMS

Is the auto insurance industry trying to put the brakes on accident injury claims? They say there are less accidents, but more accident claims. It is possible that they are looking for a cap on the amount those hurt in a car accident could claim.

:35 – VO

11/13/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BOGUS INSURANCE COMPANIES

Health insurance premiums are skyrocketing, so when you find a deal, chance are you'll take it. Federal officials say phony insurance companies are popping up all over the country, leaving unsuspecting companies with millions of dollars in unpaid medical claims.

2:49 – Package

11/18/02, 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

SHOPPING FOR SURGERY?

You can bid for anything on-line, even surgery. But is it safe to search for bargain basement prices before going under the knife? Sophia Wharton reports.

3:15 – Package

11/21/02, 5 PM, Thursday Bill Brown

SALES TAX

Sales tax is something we deal with on a daily basis, yet how much do we really know about which products are and aren't taxable? Are we paying tax when we shouldn't be? Armed with expertise from a consumer specialist, Bill Brown put shoppers and markets to the test.

3:57 – Package

Mary Bach – Consumer advocate

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11/22/02, 5 PM, Friday Mark Allen

GROCERY PRICES

It seems that everywhere you look these days, another Wal-Mart store is under construction, and the multibillion dollar corporation shows no signs of slowing down. Now that most new Wal-Mart's include a supermarket, many people are heading there for their groceries. While Wal-Mart claims to have everyday low prices, those commercials you see on TV don't say anything about the items in the grocery section. In a comparison with other markets, how would the Wal-Mart prices stand up? Mark Allen reports.

2:30 - Package

Randy Frye - St. Francis University

11/27/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Nerissa Witherspoon

HOT TOYS

We have looked at the safety aspects of toys for this year and the educational aspects. Now we thought it would be a good idea to ask the real experts to put this year's holiday toys to the test. Nerissa Witherspoon shows us which toys kids like.

2:05 - Package

Jim Silver - Toy Wishes Magazine

Jerica Luce - Toy Expert

Roxanne Alonzo - Toy Expert

Quay Henderson - Loves Harry Potter

11/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jamie John

RETURNS

There was a time that it didn't matter what the reason was for returning something to the store; retailers would take back just about every purchase. Times have changed. Many stores are getting rigid when it comes to returns. Jamie John has the details.

2:23 - Package

NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES NOVEMBER

Nightly News

Friday, November 8

There are signs of trouble in the food industry, with profits down. Fast food giants are scrambling for new products. How will this affect the way kids eat?

Nightly News

Monday, November 11

Soon health insurance will cost a lot more for thousands of retirees. Why?

Today Show

Week of November 18 – 22nd

Toy Test 2002

With the holiday shopping season right around the corner, TODAY, with the help of Consumer Specialist, Herb Weisbaum, will take a look at some of the best toys that might be on your child's wish list this year.

Monday, November 18th: Toys for School Age Kids: 6 years & up

Tuesday, November 19th: Toys for Preschoolers: 3 years - kindergarten

Wednesday, November 20th: Toys for Toddlers: 18 months to 3 years

Thursday, November 21st: Video Games & Electronics

Friday, November 22nd: Bargain Toys

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12/2/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Roseanne Colletti

HOME REPAIRS

Calling a home appliance repairman can send you into sticker shock, once you add up parts, labor, and the service call. But now there's a way you can dial up for free help and fix it yourself. Roseanne Colletti reports.

1:38 – Package

Denise Cuttita – Did own repairs

Chris Hall – Repair Clinic. Com

12/6/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Jerry Cobb

DVD BOOM

Every week, more and more DVD's are hitting the shelves. The sales of new releases are helping movie companies add to their bottom line. So why are DVD's so hot? Jerry Cobb reports.

1:57 – Package

Mike Dunn – Fox Home Entertainment

Scott Hettrick – Video Business News

Dennis McAlpine – McAlpine Associates

12/10/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

CAR TESTS

In the market for a new car and wondering how it would hold up in a crash? Beverly Kirk shows you how 5 different cars performed, cars that are very popular.

1:30 – Package

Stephen Oesch – Insurance Institute

12/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

TICKET PRICES

If you fly from one of the airports in our region, you know the frustrations of trying to find lower airfares than those offered at bigger airports further away. It's a concern for many travelers. But a new carrier, Colgan Air, says they plan to change that. Eileen Teves reports.

1:13 – Package

Donna Wilt – Classic Travel

Mary Finnigan – Colgan Air VP Admin.

12/17/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Kristen Dahlgren

CREDIT REPORTS

Think you know what your credit report looks like? You may be surprised, especially if you get the report from all three credit reporting agencies. As Kristen Dahlgren reports, those reports may show very different stats.

1:48 – Package

Stephen Brobeck – Consumer Federation of America

Terry Clemans – National Credit Report Association

12/17/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PARKING RATE INCREASE

Plans to raise the parking rates in State College have been finalized. The increase in cost is fifteen cents per hour, which makes a total of 75 cents per hour. That has some residents asking where the money is going.

:46 – SOT/VO

Richard McCarl – State College Council president

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12/17/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

CREDIT REPORTS

When was the last time you looked at your credit report? Washington watchdogs say it could contain errors and private information that could keep you from getting a new job or from buying a new house. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:54 – Package

Stephen Brobeck – Consumer Federation

Terry Clemens – Credit Reporting

Bob Hunter – Consumer Federation

1/19/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOSPITAL: SURVEY

The Pennsylvania Health Care Council's yearly review is out. The watchdog group looks at hospital mortality rates. Most of the hospitals in our area fared pretty well, but one did not. Sophia Wharton has more on how this review can help the consumer.

1:33 – Package

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Memorial

Dave Cuzzolina – Bon Secours

12/20/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

DIGITAL CAMERAS

More people buy digital cameras in December than any other month. You can shell out more than 1500 dollars for a new one. But Consumer Reports says you can get a good digital camera for a fraction of that. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson reports on what to consider before making the purchase.

1:26 – Package

Randy Marlo – uses digital camera

12/23/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

COMPUTER CLAIMS

Dell and Gateway, the two computer companies that specialize in selling custom built computers on-line have been going head to head in television commercials. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson helps you sort through the hype and compares the claims.

1:24 – Package

Dean Gallea – Consumer Reports

12/24/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Amy Hockert

HOLIDAY TIPPING

Did you remember those who make your life easier this holiday season. Holiday tipping can be a bit tricky. How much do you give and to who? The experts say that while you should never feel pressured to tip, you should do so to those who you do appreciate. Amy Hockert has advice.

1:39 – Package

Mark Reinking – Garbage collector

Don Sjolander – Tips his garbage men

Mindy Anderson – Waitress

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Today Show

Tuesday December 17

You've seen the television commercials for lipstick that lasts all day long....but does it really work? TODAY consumer correspondent, Janice Lieberman put them to the test...see which brands really hold up "all day."

Dateline

Tuesday, December 17

The signs say "sale," but are you paying full price? For the past nine years, Dateline has sent a team of intrepid shoppers to stores nationwide to see if advertised deals are scanned correctly at the cash register. This holiday season, Dateline's hidden cameras are back at the checkout line. Are the problems from the past any better? Lea Thompson investigates.

Dateline

Tuesday, December 17

They say "M" for mature, but are stores still selling graphic video games to underage kids? Bob McKeown reports in a hidden camera investigation.

Dateline

Friday, December 27

Everybody loves a bargain, especially on big ticket items like appliances, televisions and computers. But often a good bargain can be hard to find. Wait till you see what happened when Dateline took its hidden cameras shopping, following the trail of bargain-basement prices on some pretty expensive items. Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson reports.

Dateline

Friday, December 27

It seems those irritating telemarketers can find you anywhere, anytime. They call during dinner and now even when you're not home they're filling up your answering machine with pre-recorded telemarketing pitches. How can you fight back? Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson reports.

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10/01/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday David Zafris

HANDICAPPED ASSESSABLE PARKING

A loop hole in State law allows people to get away with parking in a handicapped space. But a new law would change all that. David Zafris reports.

1:06 – Package

Tom Dowdell – West Hills Police Dept.

William Kodosky – Lilly

Gertrude Sherbine – Scalp Level

10/02/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sarah Lee

AMBER ALERT

The White House has thrown its support behind the amber alert system. The President made the announcement today during a conference in Washington. Sarah Lee reports.

1:43 – Package

Maggie Bish – Parent of missing child

Edward Smart – Parent of missing child

10/10/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jamie John

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

They finally did it. Johnstown's City Council voted last night to do away with the residency requirement for its employees. Jamie John reports.

1:00 – Package

Benny Britt – Johnstown City Council

Anthony Pinizzotto – Johnstown City Council

10/11/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday John Meyer

QUEECREEK BILLS

The bills for Queecreek Mine rescue are pouring in, but there's a debate over who has to pay them. Now, a state lawmaker is pushing for Pennsylvania to foot the cost of getting the nine miners out. Jon Meyer is live with details.

:48 – Package

:11 – Live

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

10/11/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

STIFFER SENTENCES

Ecstasy use nationwide has increased at an alarming rate. Now Pennsylvania legislators are moving to stiffen penalties against ecstasy dealers.

:43 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman – (R) Centre County

Catherine Baker-Knoll – (D) Lt. Gov. candidate

10/17/02, 11 PM, Thursday Allison Burns

HOMELAND SECURITY

As the United States Senate continues its heated debate over the President's Homeland Security Bill, local communities waiting for anti-terrorism help are criticizing the hold-up. Allison Burns has the details from Washington D.C.

2:02 – Package

Edwin Rosado – National Association of Counties

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10/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

INCREASE IN CHECKS

Seniors will see a slightly bigger check coming to their mail box next year. It is the lowest increase from Social Security in two years. Checks will go up only 13 dollars. For area seniors, it's not the help they were looking for.

:39 - SOT/VO

Leona Bukowski - Senior

Frank Daku - Senior

Barbara Schnell - Senior

10/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

QUEECREEK HEARINGS

The Federal government is weighing in on the Queecreek mine accident that stranded nine men over 200 feet below the ground. Senator Arlen Specter held a hearing today in Johnstown to learn more about what happened at the mine and how to improve mine safety. Mark Allen reports.

:11 - Live

1:37 - Package

Dave Hess - PA DEP Secretary

Sen. Arlen Specter - (R) Pennsylvania

10/22/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

SUIT AGAINST CITY

The city of Johnstown is being sued over violations against the Federal Fair Housing Act. This all started three years ago over renovating an old school building that the American Legion had asked be turned into an apartment building for homeless veterans. Jamie John reports.

1:30 - Package

Eric Sowerbrower - Johnstown

Jeff Silka - Johnstown City Manager

Tom Bianco - Vietnam Veteran

10/23/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Altoona City Council members will hand over the future of the Ten Commandments plaque to another committee. Council will form a Heritage Room Committee to determine where the plaque will hang. There has been a great deal of debate on what to do with the plaque which was donated 75 years ago. Now some say that council can get back to more important business.

:56 - SOT/VO

Rabbi Burt Schulman - Concerned citizen

10/31/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

JOHNSTOWN BUDGET

There will be less grant money next year in Johnstown. The city manager submitted next year's budget to council and there will be almost 2 million dollars less to work with. Big line items will not be affected but several small line items will, like less money for HUD grants.

:47 - SOT/VO

Jeff Silka - City manager

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10/31/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ALTOONA BUDGET

Altoona City Council members are finding out that some cuts may have to be made to balance their budget for next year. That city is facing a 2 million dollar deficit. City officials say that it's possible those cuts may take place in personnel and in some city services.

:43 - SOT/VO

Wayne Hippo - City council member

10/31/02, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

LEGALIZING SLOT MACHINES

One topic that keeps coming up in the Gubernatorial race is whether Pennsylvania lawmakers would consider expanding gambling at racetracks to include slots. Would this be a winning solution for our economic problems? Sophia Wharton reports.

3:38 - Package

Mike Fisher - (R) Candidate for governor

Ed Rendell - (D) Candidate for governor

Dr. Bill Thompson - University of Las Vegas

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11/07/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PARKING GARAGE CHANGES

New requirements are in the works in the wake of a parking garage collapse in State College. Officials say that the accident wasn't due to building code violations, but to the lack of regulation for such buildings. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:25 – Package

Greg Mussi – Code Administration Director

11/13/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

MEGAN'S LAW

Does Megan's Law punish sex offenders twice? The U.S. Supreme Court is deciding if it's unconstitutional to put pictures and addresses of convicted sex offenders on the internet after they have served time in jail or on probation. It's an issue of the public's right to know and a convicted sex offender's right to prove he is not dangerous. Mark Allen reports.

1:10 – Package

Shelly Saden – Attorney

Richard Bloomenthal – Connecticut Attorney General

11/14/02, 11 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

SEWAGE DISPUTE

An unpaid utility bill is causing some friction tonight in Clearfield County. As Dave Zafris reports, this is just the latest dispute between DuBois and neighboring Sandy Township.

1:37 – Package

Louise Steele – Sandy Township

Karen Kalgren – DuBois

11/18/02, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

PLANS FOR NEW JUDGE

Due to the steady increase in court cases, Centre County administrators have made plans to add another county judge. Currently, there are three judges at the courthouse. State legislative backing is needed to approve the creation of the new position.

:35 – SOT/VO

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

11/19/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Michael Williams

HOMELAND SECURITY

A historic bill creating a new cabinet-level department of Homeland Security is close to passage in the Senate tonight. It promises the largest reorganization of the federal government since the end of World War II. Michael Williams has more from Washington.

1:34 – Package

Sen. Tom Daschle – (D) Majority Leader

Sen. Trent Lott – (R) Minority leader

Sen. Zell Miller – Georgia

11/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

TEN COMMANDMENTS

An Alabama judge says a display of the Ten Commandments must go. Similar debates have taken place in our area, one in Clearfield and just recently in Altoona. Should a ruling thousands of miles away help local officials decide the future of religious displays? Here's Eileen Teves with reaction.

1:25 – Package

Lori Polansky – American Atheists

Michael Robertson – Favors plaque

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11/19/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Michael Williams

HOMELAND SECURITY

Tonight, the Senate passed an historic bill, voting to create the office of Homeland Security and clearing the way for it to become law. To meet future terror threats, it promises to be the largest reorganization of the Federal government since the end of World War II. Today, the debate focused on what many Democrats say was a bow to corporate greed and other special interests. Michael Williams reports.

1:36 – Package

Sen. Fred Thompson – (R) Tennessee

Sen. Tom Daschle – (D) Majority leader

Sen. Trent Lott – (R) Minority leader

11/20/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Mike Majchrowitz

GENETIC TESTING

Across America, hundreds of babies are dying because they were never tested for genetic diseases. It's not that the tests aren't available, but many states, including Pennsylvania, don't test all babies for all diseases. Now Congress is beginning to take action to change that. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

2:22 – Package

Tom Monaco – Stephen's father

Dr Gerard Berry – Children's Hospital, D.C.

Sen. Mike Dewine – (R) Ohio

11/20/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

PHARMACEUTICAL PASS

In Washington, children's health advocates are outraged about a provision buried in the Homeland Security Bill passed by the Senate on Tuesday. It would let pharmaceutical companies walk away from some vaccine lawsuits. Brigette Langmade reports.

1:45 – Package

Sen. Bill Nelson – (D) Florida

Barbara Fisher – National Vaccine Information Center

Sen. Mike Dewine – (R) Ohio

11/20/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WAKE UP CALLS

Drowsy drivers are getting a wakeup call. Federal Safety officials, medical experts, and safety advocates are in Washington looking for ways to raise awareness of the dangers of drowsy driving accidents.

:47 – SOT/VO

Richard Gelula – National Sleep Foundation

11/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

JUDGE IMPACT

Plans are in the works to add a fourth judge to the bench in Centre County. Now there's talk that the increase in court personnel will help Bellefonte's downtown economy. However, as Gary Sinderson reports, not everyone is looking at it as a positive move.

1:00 – Package

Ron Wiser – Bellefonte businessman

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11/21/02, 6 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

TESTING TROOPS

As the United States considers war with Iraq, experts are concerned about biological weapons. Some say Saddam Hussein tested them on his own people. Now the U.S. military is facing tough questions about its own use of biological and chemical agents on American troops. Alison Burns reports.

2:33 – Package

George Brocklebank – Navy veteran

Robert Bates – Navy veteran

Jack Alderson – Retired, US Navy

Jonathon Perelman – Dept. of Defense

Steve Robinson – Vietnam Veterans of America

11/22/02, 11 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

HOMELAND SECURITY

There's more fallout from the passage of the Homeland Security Bill. Some say the bill makes it easier for the military to track your everyday activities in its search for possible terrorists. Brigette Langmade reports.

1:57 – Package

Chuck Pena – CATO Institute

Michael Scardaville – Heritage Foundation

11/22/02, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

HOTEL TAX

Officials in Clearfield County are considering a tax on hotel stays. County commissioners are undecided on a proposed hotel room rental tax. It could allow a 3% tax to be charged to generate money for tourism promotion and attractions.

:39 – SOT/VO

Sam Shah – DuBois, Ramada Inn

11/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

DRIVERS LICENSE

If you've looked at the back of your driver's license lately, you may have noticed a black line or bar code. But because those black lines hold some of your personal information, they've been called a swipe at privacy. Mark Allen reports.

2:20 – Package

Frank Mandelbaum – Intelli-Check

Melissa Lux – Boulevard Grill

Bobby Piera – Bar manager

Margaret Nemeth – Johnstown

Kristy Brubaker – Johnstown

11/27/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

SMALLPOX PLAN

It has been described as an anguishing decision for President Bush. He's had to weigh the devastation that a small pox attack on Americans would cause against vaccinations for everyone that could be potentially lethal for some. Landa Booker reports that Washington has come up with a compromise.

1:43 – Package

Dr. D.A. Henderson – Small Pox expert

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12/02/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jamie John

NEW LEMON LAW

It may look shiny and new, but what happens if you buy a car that turns out to be a lemon? Now there's a new law to make sure the dealer tells you about the car being a lemon. Jamie John reports.

1:05 – Package

Frank Arcurio – Laurel Ford

D.C. Nokes – Attorney

12/3/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

TAX FOR FIRE DEPT.

Supervisors in Conemaugh Township are asking residents if they're willing to pay more taxes to support their volunteer fire departments. Four fire companies need a total of 97 thousand dollars.

:39 – SOT/VO

Shawn Adams – Conemaugh Township Fire Chief

12/4/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

GARBAGE ORDINANCE

The city of Johnstown is considering making it a criminal offense if you don't pay your garbage bill. The biggest problem comes from renters who put their trash out but don't pay the fee.

:43 – SOT/VO

Jack Williams – Councilman

12/9/02, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

NEW BUILDING CODES

If you're planning on fixing up your home or business next summer, you need to know that there are new rules in Pennsylvania on how you can do it.

:45 – SOT/VO

Jon Balson – Dept. of Labor

12/10/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The tentacles of the Somerset teacher strike are far reaching. Beyond the obvious parties like students and teachers are other employees that depend on the school district for employment. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:18 – Package

Mardianne St. Claire – Bus driver 13 yrs

Denise Davis – Secretary, Davis Buses

12/10/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

NEW PRISON COSTS

After more than a decade of debates and disputes, Centre County's new prison project is ready to move forward. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:25 – Package

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

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12/11/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CROSS BURNING

An emotional case with ties to our area came before the Supreme Court today. Does Virginia's law against cross burning, similar to laws in a lot of other states, violate the Constitution's protection of free speech? Is cross burning an act of communication or intimidation? An area man was convicted of this crime in Virginia.

:46 - SOT/VO

Barry Black - Johnstown

12/11/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

CROSS BURNING DEBATE

The U.S. Supreme Court took up arguments in a case that could limit state's restrictions on the burning of crosses. The debate centers on free speech rights versus the right to be free from fear. Landra Booker reports.

1:16 - Package

Jerry Kilgore - VA Attorney General

Rodney Smolla - Defendant's attorney

12/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BOND FOR LAND

Borrowing close to 40 million dollars might sound risky in these uncertain times, but Centre County Commissioners say they got a good deal in financing for a new prison.

:39 - SOT/VO

Christopher Gibbons - Financing Consultant

12/16/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

SHUSTER ANNOUNCEMENT

When you think of politics in Central Pennsylvania, the name Shuster is a familiar one. Now another Shuster is seeking office. Debbie Shuster King, Congressman Bud Shuster's daughter, has thrown her hat into the ring for Blair County treasurer. Eileen Teves reports on why.

1:07 - Package

Debbie Shuster King - Candidate for treasurer

Bud Shuster - Former congressman

12/16/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Brooks Jackson

TAX CUTS IN FUTURE

The Federal government has already set the tax cuts and benefits for 2004 and 2008. But they may be moved up to next year to boost the economy. Books Jackson reports on how it works and how it will affect you.

1:23 - Package

Tom Ulrich - Will spend tax cut

David Wyss - Standard & Poor's

Len Burman - Tack Policy Center

12/17/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETINGS

Governor elect Ed Rendell plans to hold a series of statewide economic summit meetings early next year. They will be held in nine regions across the state, for the purpose of discussing job creation and new economic opportunities. He wants to see what people have to say on the local level.

:50 - SOT/VO

Keith Bierly - Centre County Commissioner

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12/17/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BELLEFONTE TAX INCREASE

In Bellefonte, borough leaders say they had no choice but to include a tax hike in next year's budget. But property owners are not too happy about paying a whopping 27 percent more in real estate taxes.

:42 - SOT/VO

Scott Conklin - Centre County

12/17/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

UPSET OVER RECOVERY PLAN

A portion of Johnstown's recovery plan is not sitting well with city employees. The plan has been credited with bringing the city back from the brink of bankruptcy, but union members tell us a new portion of that plan could cost them their jobs. Mark Allen reports.

1:06 - Package

Mark Britton - AFSCME Local 630

12/20/02, 11 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

LOCAL REACTION TO LOTT

Cambria County's Republican Party president spoke out today about Trent Lott's resignation, saying it was a good move. However, he thinks PA senator Santorum would have had a tough time winning the leadership job that has been vacated.

:38 - SOT/VO

Robert Gleason - G.O.P. Chairman

12/24/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

CAR SHOP FUTURE

Blair County Commissioners are questioning the future of the Hollidaysburg car shop. The property has been tax exempt and now the commissioners believe it should be added to the tax roll again.

:36 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

12/27/02, 11 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

CLEARFIELD TAXES

A new budget in Clearfield County brings higher property taxes. All three county commissioners voted in favor of the 2003 budget, which includes a 2-mill tax increase. But commissioners don't feel the tax increase is the real answer.

:29 - SOT/VO

John Sughrue - County commissioner

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10/02/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jane Watrel

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter turnout has plunged recently, but nowhere has the drop been so dramatic than among young people. As Jane Watrel reports, 18 - 24 year olds are the target of a new "Get out the vote" campaign.

1:33 - Package

Polli Brunelli - Fed. Voting Assistance

Andy - Student

Wayne Smith - Political Science professor

10/04/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

FISHER RALLY

With less than a month before you vote, the push is on in our area for one of the men who want to be your next governor.

:51 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - (R) 30th District

10/07/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jamie John

NOVEMBER REFERENDUM

The city of Johnstown wants your permission to move money designated for different items in the budget. Without that permission, they say services would have to be cut. Jamie John has more of the problem facing the city.

1:00 - Package

Jeff Silka - City manager

10/09/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

As Pennsylvania gets ready to vote for a new governor, one candidate says that his job will be to eliminate taxes. That was the message from Ken Krawchuk today at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

:49 - SOT/VO

Ken Krawchuk - Governor Libertine candidate

10/14/02, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BAKER KNOLL VISIT

Ed Rendell's running mate for governor stopped in Cambria County today. She touched on some campaign issues, focusing primarily on jobs, education, senior citizens, and health care.

:35 - SOT/VO

10/24/02, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ELECTION CAMPAIGNING

Catherine Baker-Knoll who is running for Lieutenant Governor with Gubernatorial candidate Ed Rendell has a huge lead in the polls. But as she campaigned in Clearfield County today, she said she is not stopping work till election day.

:39 - SOT/VO

Catherine Baker-Knoll - (D) Lt. Gov. candidate

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10/28/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TAX REFERENDUM

With election day right around the corner, the city of Johnstown is getting the word out about a proposal they want you to vote on. City employees fill Central Park to persuade voters to say "yes" to the ballot question.

:40 - SOT/VO

Jeff Silka - Johnstown City Manager

10/29/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Election Day is just six days away and you have been bombarded with TV ads, billboards, and posters. Some of the races have gotten quite nasty. One of the biggest complaints of voters is that the ads for elections are negative, and voters don't like that way of doing business. Jamie John reports.

1:35 - Package

Ray Wrabley - UPJ, Political Science

Mark Parker - (R) 71st District candidate

Rep. Ed Wojnaroski - (D) 71st District

Joe Kaplitz - Johnstown

Brian Subich - Former Johnstown Councilman

Harold Bracken - Johnstown

Sue Shumaker - Johnstown

Laura Shumaker - Johnstown

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GOVERNOR RACE

One of the State's most powerful Republicans remains a major problem for her own party in next week's gubernatorial election. She remains convinced that Mike Fisher will lose. State treasurer Barbara Hafer dropped out of the race, claiming that the lack of a spring primary is now hurting Fisher, who she believes was hand-picked by party powerbrokers.

:50 - SOT/VO

Barbara Hafer - PA State Treasurer

GENERAL ELECTION 2002 OCTOBER

Gubernatorial Debate

10/27/02

Host: Marty Radovanic

Republican gubernatorial candidate Mike Fisher and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed Rendell debated the issues posed by media representatives at the studios of WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh, PA. Local news anchor Marty Radovanic represented the interests of the Laurel Highlands, taking viewer concerns and questions to the candidates. Issues discussed included the economy and jobs, education, security, and health care services and insurance.

Produced by WJAC-TV in cooperation with WPXI-TV

Candidate Access Forum

10/27/02

Host: Marty Radovanic

WJAC offered candidates in the Gubernatorial and Congressional races in Districts 5, 9, and 12 the opportunity to present a position statement (limited to a maximum of 5 minutes in length) to viewers. Candidates were furnished with guidelines to insure that each office seeker had an equal and equitable opportunity to communicate their message to voters. The appeals were then combined into a nineteen minute presentation and aired immediately following the 11 p.m. News on Sunday, 10/27/02, one week before the General Election.

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"CANDIDATE ACCESS 2002" GUIDELINES
WJAC-TV
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

- **Eligible Candidates**

Station will offer candidates in the Gubernatorial & Congressional races in Districts 5, 9, and 12 the opportunity to tape a five-minute position statement. To qualify for this opportunity, a candidate must be a qualified candidate for the applicable general election and scheduled to be listed on the election ballot.

- **Free Air Time**

A maximum of five minutes (5:00) of time pre-taped is offered to qualified candidates to make his/her direct appeal to voters. This appeal features the candidate ONLY on camera, no other props, persons, charts, video, photos or commercial content will be permitted.

- **Video Taping Guidelines**

1. Station provides open and close announcement prior to and after candidate's appeal message.
2. Each candidate is taped in the same format. Camera is positioned for headshot from the waist up.
3. Station supersedes candidate's name, office and party affiliation. Candidates must also verbally identify themselves to assure the information is properly conveyed to the viewers.
4. Appeal must be completed within 30 minute taping session. NO additional time will be made available.
5. Teleprompter support provided IF candidate provides script 48 hours prior to taping. If you could e-mail the text to us, it will be easier to reproduce. Please forward the script to bob.maslak@cox.com . If a teleprompter is not requested, candidate should be prepared to use personal notes or supply cue cards and personal assistant.
6. Station provides studio facility, director and production crew. Candidates must provide their own make-up or hair assistance. Candidates will have the choice of standing at a podium or being seated for their direct appeal remarks.

7. Candidates are permitted to view the completed appeal. Candidate agrees and understands that once the taping is complete, no edits or revisions will be made at the request of the candidate.
8. Candidates may not make false statements, statements that do not meet local broadcast standards or statements that criticize their opponents. Statements should be a positive presentation of a candidate's views on the issues important to a candidate's campaign, and candidates should avoid characterizing their opponents.
9. Station reserves the right to refuse to air a candidate's statement or may edit a candidate's statement as necessary if a statement does not conform with these guidelines. Candidate statements may be made available to the Station's news department before the statements air publicly. Station also reserves the right to use any or all of the candidates' statements online and in print.

- **Tape Facility & Schedule**

1. Studio facility, director and crew provided Monday through Friday 1:00 -2:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 4, 2002.
2. Candidates scheduled on a "first come, first serve" basis.
3. Two Candidates may be accommodated per session.
4. Candidate #1 must arrive @ 1:00 pm and tape from 1:15 - 1:45 pm.
Candidate #2 must arrive @ 1:45 pm and tape from 2:00 - 2:30 pm.
5. Dub of Candidate's appeal will NOT be provided. Candidates will be advised of air time so they may tape for their personal files.
6. No outside tapes will be accepted.
7. Candidate appeal can only air on the Station.

- **Air Schedule**

Station will combine the 5:00 minute appeals on a Sunday night following Channel 6 News at 11pm prior to the election. Date and time to be determined by the Station. Candidates' statements may be seen with all, some, or none of the candidate's opponents.

Questions regarding these guidelines can be directed to Gary Cooper, News Director, WJAC-TV, 814-255-7600, gary.cooper@cox.com.